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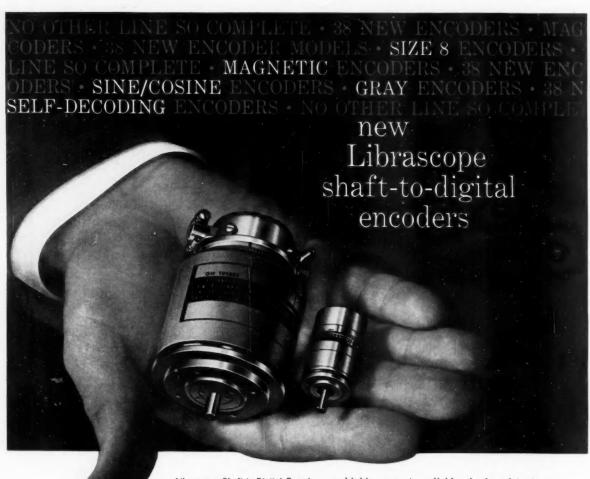
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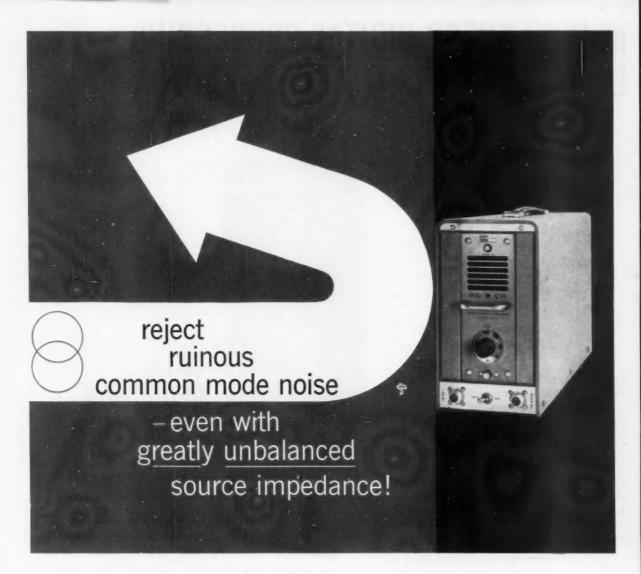
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ton(nsec)	$I_{B(1)} = 3 \text{ ma}$	11 (TYP)	10 (TYP)	35	40	35
toff(nsec)	B(2)  = -1  ma $ C  = 10  ma$	22 (TYP)	25 (TYP)	75	75	75
t <sub>on</sub> (nsec)	I <sub>B(1)</sub> = 40 ma	12 6 (TYP)	12 6 (TYP)	NO SPEC	NO SPEC	NO SPEC
toff(nsec)	$I_{B(2)} = -20 \text{ ma}$ $I_{C} = 100 \text{ ma}$	40 18 (TYP)	45 23 (TYP)	NO SPEC	NO SPEC	NO SPEC
V <sub>CE(sat)</sub>	I <sub>B</sub> = 1 ma I <sub>C</sub> = 10 ma T <sub>A</sub> = + 170°C	0.35 v	0.35 v	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.19 v MAX. @ 25°C)	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.4 v MAX. @ 25°C)	No High Temp. Guarantee (0.4 v MAX. @ 25°C)
I <sub>CEX</sub>	V <sub>CE</sub> = 10 v V <sub>BE</sub> = +0.35 v T <sub>A</sub> = 100°C	30 µа	30 µа	No Guarantee	No Guarantee	10µа (МАХ.) @VBE — +0.25 VCE — 20 v Та —+125°C

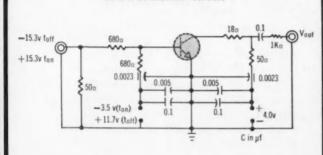
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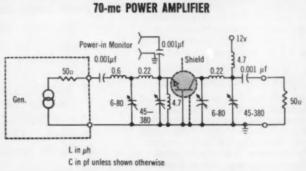


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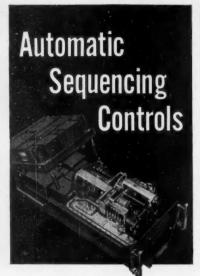
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When the strike ended, Editor Young, who favors traveling by plane, again found himself reduced to riding trains by some of the worst fog that has hit the East Coast in years, emphasizing the great need for some kind of all-weather take-off and landing system.

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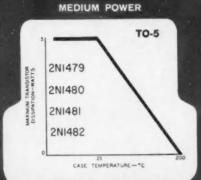
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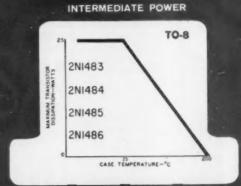
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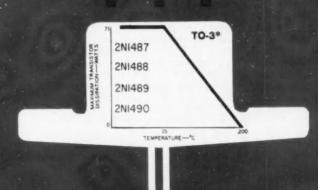
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#### LESSON I

There are but four major types of flowmeters.

1. VARIABLE-AREA



2. VARIABLE HEAD



3. OBSTRUCTIONLESS



4. INTEGRATING



#### LESSON II

In order to be as handy as possible, we shall limit our discussion of the advantages of the four basic types to a single characteristic benefit.

- 1. Variable-Area: linear scale
- 2. Variable Head: flexibility

- 3. Obstructionless: obstructionless
- 4. Integrating: accuracy

#### LESSON III

This lesson is of the most importance as it concerns the various factors necessarily involved in the judicious selection of flowmetering devices. These primary and critical factors are: fluid property limitations, application, installation and economics. We need not go into detail on these factors since our Bulletin 91-119, a veritable gem of condensation, reviews all of these factors in the short space of only six pages. There is a limit as to how short and "handy" such a guide can be.

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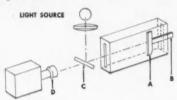
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Various modifications of this device have been applied to channels up to six feet long. For longer and wider channels we have designed a miniature self-propelled camera, mirror and light source capable of presenting a continuous image on film with resolution sufficient to reveal scratches and hair-line cracks smaller than .010 inch.

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Write Dept. 5-4



#### FEEDBACK

#### Reliability numbers game grows

TO THE EDITOR-

In reading your issue for December 1960, I was very interested in the article ("Rebuttal by the Military") by Major William L. Still on page 77.

On page 81 he states that there would be an overall reliability improvement by a factor of 140 if the engineering and electronic parameters were improved a hundred times and the maintenance only doubled.

As I see it, the following would be the case out of 1,000 failures:

Failures	Now	Improved as stated
Electronic	333.3	3.33
Engineering	333.3	3.33
Maintenance	333.3	166.67
	1,000	173.33

If my arithmetic is correct, the factor of improvement is 5.76923077 and not 140 as stated. It would appear that Major Still is figuring on a 100 times improvement in all three factors.

Lawrence Collins
Damage Assessment Officer
Civil and Defense Mobilization
Battle Creek, Mich.
Don't confuse transient reliability
with steady state reliability; Major
Still explains the difference here. Ed.

TO THE EDITOR-

If one continues the mistakes made by the authors (Steele and Kircher, The Crisis We Face-Automation and the Cold War) and extrapolates present operating conditions to predict what will happen to Minuteman, both they and Colonel Collins are correct in the effect of maintenance on the total picture. However, in order to reduce the problem to simple arithmetic, you must use one of two possible boundary conditions of a differential equation which in its complete form is rather complicated. I chose the initial conditions as being more representative; they chose the steady state condition. The authors treat the three classes of failure as independent probabilities. This can only occur after the system has stabilized, and all components have failed and been repaired at least once. The initial conditions for the problem are defined by a state where all components are new and none have failed for any reason. Since now all parts are functional, and none have been repaired, there can be no failure rate

chargeable to maintenance. Actually, the failure rate due to maintenance forms a conditional probability that can only be imposed after failures due to other causes have occurred.

Let's look at a simplified transient solution to the problem and see which more truly represents the case. The fact that both the authors and I talk in terms of MTBF (mean time between failures) implies that we both accept the exponential distribution to define  $P_r$  (the probability of failure). The solution to this equation is

$$P_f = \int_0^t \frac{1}{MTBF} e^{\frac{-t}{MTBF}}$$
 (1)

thus, 
$$P_f = 1 - e^{\frac{-t}{MTBF}}$$
 (2)

Using the authors' figure of 10,000 years as a MTBF for individual parts, and an average of fifty parts per printed circuit card (which would be the lowest maintainable unit), we find that the MTBF per card is 10,000 years divided by fifty parts per card, or 200 years per card.

If we take the expected operational life of the system to be ten years, and use these numbers in equation 2, we

$$P_f = 1 - e^{-0.05} = 0.049$$

Thus, less than 5 percent of the equipment could be expected to have additional unreliability induced through maintenance over the entire life of the system.

If we were to use the standard assumption of two to three time constants to represent the settling time for steady state, we would have to postulate a system life in excess of 400 to 600 years. I believe the initial conditions are more representative than steady state conditions. This will be true if, and only if, we can achieve or reasonably approach our Minuteman reliability goals.

William L. Still Major, USAF Gardena, Calif.

Charts revolve in days; pens sweep charts in secs.

TO THE EDITOR-

Your December issue's story on General Electric's new two-pen, round-chart recorder (New Product item #316) omitted a line of copy whose absence may have conveyed some rather confusing product specifications to your readers.

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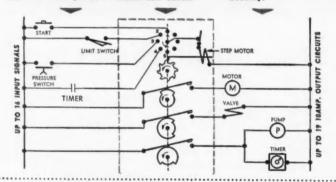
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#### FEEDBACK

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Hudson S. Day Instrument Dept., GE West Lynn, Mass.

Twenty free enterprises neglected

TO THE EDITOR-

We have read the article "100,000 Jam INTERKAMA" (Dec., 1960, pp. 30-32) written by Mr. Derek Barlow from Dusseldorf and noticed that he completely forgot to write about the Italian group of more than 20 companies. These private concerns are defending themselves as well as they can against the new State concern.

Fabbrica Apparecchi Scientifici Milan, Italy

Not included but not overlooked. Mc-Graw-Hill Newsman Gene DiRai-mondo examined the surprisingly active Italian instrument and control industry in February's Industry's Pulse, p. 77. Ed.

Will road machinery adopt guidance?

TO THE EDITOR-

I would like to express my thanks for the excellent job your staff did on the article "Transistorized Circuitry for Road Machinery Control" which appears in the February issue.

We are now busy on a control for asphalt pavers which should be on the market in a few months. Not surprisingly, some quite different control problems have been encountered and (we hope) successfully solved.

John T. Bowen Preco, Inc. Los Angeles, Calif.

Catches error; uses article

TO THE EDITOR-

Regarding the October article "Analog Setup Plots Root Locus", Equation 10 on p. 126 should read:

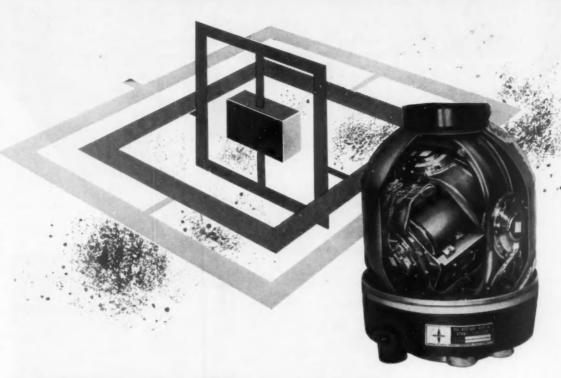
$$\frac{dr}{dt} = c_2 r^2 \frac{|u|}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{|V|}{V} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}$$

The partials should be taken with

respect to r, not to u and v.

I found the article of great interest and have set up a successful plotter using Levine's method. Similar plots can also be made for Nyquist and Bode methods.

Robert D. Paley The Martin Co., Orlando, Fla. Your correction is correct, sir; glad you found the article useful. Ed.



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### J. A. Haddad sees tomorrow's systems

At IBM, Jerrier A. Haddad, General Manager of Advanced Systems Development Division, thinks the information system will become a first order control that might regulate a process, direct a company's inventory and warehousing operations, schedule manufacturing, or help run an entire business complex. He compares the relation of the information system and data processing equipment to that of a machine in production and a blueprint (a machine being a first order tool compared to a blueprint, which Haddad says is a second order tool). In the information system SABRE, which was developed by Haddad's ASD group for American Airlines, the system directly controls the sale and commitment of airplane seats in real time, in contrast to a data processing application that might analyze ticket sales. Many of the more than 11,000 electronic data processing systems now installed will be enlarged to encompass this broader information systems concept, says Haddad.

In his present position, Haddad bears the responsibility for guiding a lot of IBM's future planning. His group tackles what the company calls "risk" projects, those whose market or technical feasibility is yet to be proved. Once feasibility has been demonstrated, a product division takes over.

This kind of technical roulette suits the sharpeyed Haddad. Although he has always had a fondness for long-range planning, his own plans had quite a different goal.

As a senior in Brooklyn Technical High School in 1939, Haddad decided that the infant field of television would be his oyster. He organized a television club and wrote articles for magazines attempting to interest outsiders in the new medium.

A summer job at Automatic Telelector Co. changed all that. He became involved in the design of a primitive data processing system, one that would telemeter data from a utility's meters, then process the information to prepare bills. His involvement became so great he delayed entering college.

Once the design was completed—Haddad received several patents for his work—he enrolled at Cornell University. While he pursued his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree, he continued to work part-time for Automatic Telelector. Meanwhile IBM bought AT, so after graduation Haddad, already deeply engaged in data processing, went to work at IBM's Endicott laboratory.

His first assignment was in testing equipment and designing relays. Next he was transferred to Poughkeepsie to work on circuits for the IBM 604, the



company's first calculator to rely heavily on electronic components—it had over 1,000 tubes in it.

With the success of the 604 behind him, Haddad was placed in charge of engineering for the IBM 701 computer, the first of IBM's famous 700 series, and carried the machine through design and into production before he was promoted and placed in charge of component development at Poughkeepsie.

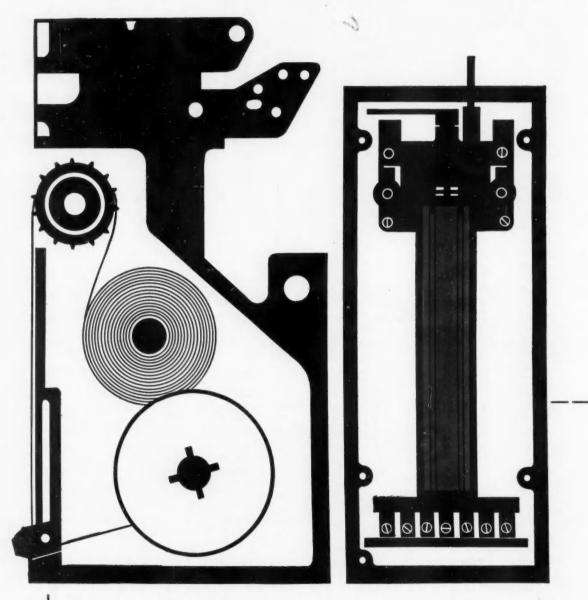
Promotions then came fast. In 1953, he became manager of the Endicott laboratory; by 1954, he was director of advanced machine development on a vice president's staff in headquarters; and in 1956, he was appointed general manager of The Special Engineering Products Div., a group set up to supply customers with IBM equipment that needed heavy modification, such as special input or output devices. In 1959 the Special Engineering Products name

In 1959 the Special Engineering Products name and assignment was changed to Advanced Systems Development Division, and Haddad made General Manager.

Today the articulate Haddad believes four technical areas will have a profound effect on information systems. They are data communication, large capacity storage, instruments and controls, and image and speech.

Looking back over his 20 years in data processing, during which he has earned 12 patents, Haddad sometimes wonders what would have happened if he had gone into television. But his daydreaming is always cut short by the need to consider some new possibility for tomorrow's computer technology. "After all," he says, "information systems are now at the same place that punched-card procedures were when I got into this business."

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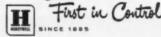
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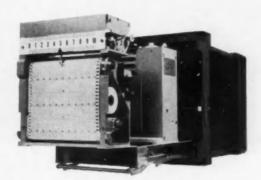
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Research with coherent light is another example of how Bell Laboratories prepares ahead for communications needs.



The Optical Gas Maser (above) was first demonstrated at Bell Telephone Laboratories. Heart of unit is a 40-inch tube containing helium and neon. Interaction between gas atoms produces a continuous, coherent beam of infrared light that may one day be used in communications.



## Newsbreaks In Control

#### J&L Drops Own Numerical Control

Springfield, Vt.—Machine tool builder Jones and Lamson will no longer make its own numerical control system. The company says it, as a machine builder, cannot keep up with electronic suppliers who specialize in control. In the future J & L will buy numerical control systems from outside suppliers for those customers who order such control.

#### **Automatic Doffer for Textile Industry**

Spartansburg, S. C.—A semiautomatic doffer, developed by Deering-Milliken, promises to radically change the textile spinning business. Manual doffing—removing a bobbin full of thread from a spinning frame and replacing it with an empty one—has been a troublesome part of spinning, takes 12 minutes even when done by a skilled workman, and "doffers" are scarce. Semiautomatic doffer will simultaneously "doff" the 288 bobbins on a mill in two minutes.

#### **Punch Tape Winds Coils**

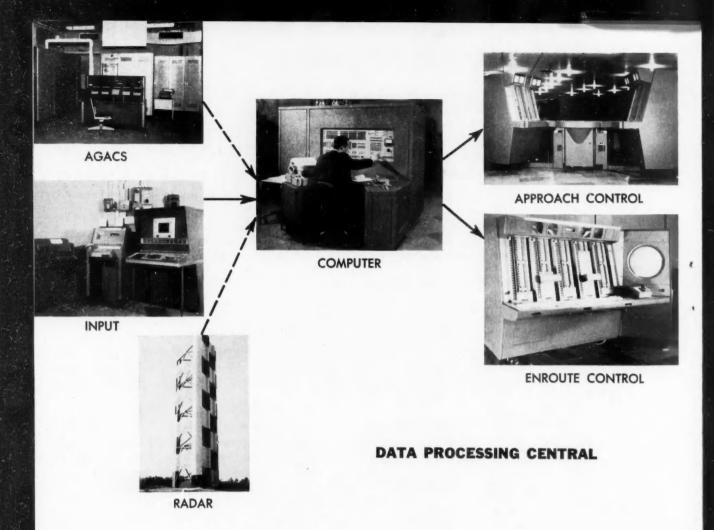
Chicago—A punch tape controlled coil winder puts coils into production in 25 percent of the time it formerly required. Previously at Motorola's military electronics engineering plant, coils were wound on machines programmed by cams. But a cam could not be changed from winding machine to machine once it has been perfected, a restriction eliminated by punch tape control.

#### Data System Makes Fuel Terminal Self Service

Phoenix—An automatic transaction recording system, installed at El Paso Natural Gas Products Company's bulk fuel terminal here, makes for self service loading. A credit customer receives a key and a punched card. The key opens a card reader that accepts the punched card with customer identification and product to be purchased encoded on it. After the system verifies the information on the card, it activates the proper product pump; meanwhile amount, type of product, and customer identification are put into punched card format at the terminal's center. Supplier of the system is Electro-Logic Corp., of Venice, Calif.

#### Britain To Build Defense Computer

London—England's Royal Navy is developing an information system to track and classify targets automatically, store and display the information, then calculate and recommend a course of action. Civil Lord of the Admiralty told Parliament that such a system was needed because it was no longer possible for men to assimilate all the information that goes into making a defense decision such as which particular weapon should face which particular threat. The Royal Navy hopes the system—called ADA for Action Data Automation—will be flexible enough to reprogram as weapons and weapon policy change.



#### SPECIAL NEWS REPORT:

## New Ideas in Air Traffic Control

Two events likely to influence air traffic control sharply in the United States unfolded last month: at At-lantic City, Federal Aviation Agency experimenters watched a giant altitude radar track a Piper Cub airplane for the first time. Meanwhile in Washington, Civil Aeronautics Board Examiners were completing their investigation of the mid-air collision that killed 133 people over Brooklyn in December.

The two events are related. They point out a serious shortcoming in FAA's original program to modernize the Air Traffic Control system. There is a desperate need for a position-data-acquisition system. The radar, said an FAA spokesman, is the first piece of equipment that looks capable of preventing collisions like the Brook-lyn tragedy. The CAB investigation, and attendant publicity, has pressured FAA to speed up its search for a data acquisition device such as 3-D radar.

• Nine jobs to do—At its Washington Headquarters and at its Atlantic City experimental facility FAA has been pursuing its program to ease the air traffic jam (see box). Implementation of Phase II of its program-appli-cation of existing technology to air traffic control-has now been divided into nine functions:

Flight plan acceptance, process-

ing, and distribution.

Automatic updating of flight

Time and altitude conflict prediction, resolution, and display.

- ▶ Bright radar display.
- Flow control.
- Radar track-while-scan tracker-driven alphanumeric data.
- Profiles and sequencing for transition and terminal control.
  - Radar beacon interrogation.
- Scramble corridor and conflict prediction, resolution and display.

According to present FAA schedules, the first center incorporating mechanization of all nine functions will not be operational until 1964. Most important piece of equipment in this program is a special purpose digital computer developed by Librascope Div. of General Precision to end manual air traffic paperwork. FAA has also sponsored the development of special peripheral equipment to work with the computer.

FAA computer specialists are now testing the Librascope computers in Atlantic City. To obtain operational experience, the Agency inaugurated what it calls "phase one-and-a half", the installation of the Librascope computer in the Boston ARTCC at the end of this year. In Boston, the computer will perform only three of FAA's nine functions: flight plan acceptance,

processing and distribution; automatic updating of flight strips; and bright radar display.

The Brooklyn tragedy and more intimate understanding of what Phase II equipment will do have convinced FAA top scientists that the program needs at least two more functions: the data acquisition system previously mentioned to assure that a pilot maintains the course and altitude to which

he is assigned, and an all-weather automatic landing system. Although the computer helps in the sequencing of aircraft at a busy terminal—and can even suggest to the controller a path stretching pattern for the aircraft—the landing operation takes too long in bad weather, this is a bottleneck.

The airlines want an all-weather landing system too. Last year, U. S. airlines lost \$23 million as a result of

#### TRAFFIC JAM IN THE SKIES

Over 200,000 airplane flights are completed in the United States every day. More than 9,000 airplanes are in the air at any instant. Because most of these are flying between major cities, they funnel into a small number of narrow corridors called airways. And at the end of a typical working day, the rush of air travelers going home swells the total number of flights and creates a mammoth traffic jam at airports in cities from New York to Los Angeles and Atlanta to Chicago.

How to break these trafflic bottlenecks with new control equipment has become the number one job of the Federal Aviation Agency's Bureau of Research and Development. In Washington, BRD planners set concepts for over-all system operation; in Atlantic City at BRD's National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center, testers evaluate the hardware produced by industrial contractors to

fulfill the system concepts.

The FAA is following a broad plan first adopted in 1956 by the Curtis report, a document prepared by a committee which President Eisenhower convened to investigate air traffic control after the Grand Canyon air collision. The plan has three phases:

Phase I—in-service improvement of the current air

traffic control system.

▶ Phase II—application of existing technology (as of 1957) to air traffic control; equipment to be operational by 1963 and to handle traffic until 1975.

▶ Phase III—long range research and development. To follow this proposal, FAA has committed itself to mechanize the present air traffic control system, an approach that has evoked criticism because some people feel the system has evolved like Topsy, patched up on a hand-to-mouth basis (see "Grumbles over Air Traffic Control", CtE, Jan. 1959, pp. 22-26).

On a day on which most of the U. S. enjoys clear weather, less than ten percent of the aircraft flying will be under FAA traffic control; the rest will fly VFR—visual flight rules—so that the pilot assumes responsibility for avoiding collision with another plane. Even under such ideal conditions the U. S.'s old manual traffic control system has creaked with overload. During peak periods of the day or when bad weather forces an end to VFR flying, the traffic control centers are swamped. The result delays in takeoff and landing that amount to as much as an hour at such busy airports as Washington or New

York's La Guardia and Idlewild.

While a plane is supervised by the FAA's new air traffic control system, it will pass through three different phases of control: terminal, transition, and enroute. When a plane is 20 miles from an airport, either preparing to land or just after takeoff, it is directed by a terminal controller (who is also called an approach controller if he handles primarily incoming plans and a departure controller if he is sequencing takeoffs). Through a distance of 20 miles to 100 miles from the airport a transition controller directs traffic. And from 100 miles from takeoff to 100 miles from the destination, the plane is responsible to an enroute controller for traffic direction.

Although statisticians say that the chances of mid-air collision are remote, no zone of control has been without a well publicized accident. In 1956 TWA flight 2 collided with United Flight 718 while flying in the portion of the skies directed by enroute control. A National Guard jet knocked a Capitol Airlines Flight out of the skies in a transition zone outside Baltimore. And the worst accident in aviation history — TWA flight 266 colliding with United's flight 826 over Brooklyn—happened in a terminal zone.

To appreciate what FAA is doing and why, you have to understand how air traffic is controlled. Here is a brief account of how the air traffic control system would operate today while Anonymous Airlines Flight 10 flew from New York to Washington, D. C. flying IFR—Instrument

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On this trip AA will pass through the jurisdiction of both the New York and Washington ARTCC's; and since control in a center is divided geographically into sectors, the flight will pass through the jurisdiction of Sector 7

and Sector 3 in the New York center.

When FAA receives the flight plan, a controller calculates the expected time of arrival at each of the check points indicated in the flight plan. Flight strips are prepared, one for the departure controller, one for each of the checkpoints over which AA 10 will fly and one for the approach controller. The strips contain such information as identification, type of aircraft, cruising speed, arrival time over the checkpoint, next checkpoint on trip; arrival time over that point; and complete routing.

After calculating arrival times at each checkpoint, a controller compares flight AA 10's expected arrival time with that of other planes at the same checkpoints to determine if there is any conflict—two planes expected to arrive at the same point at the same altitude within 10 minutes of each other. If conflict exists, the controller normally resolves it by changing the requested altitude

of one of the planes.

After AA 10 takes off from Idlewild, the actual time of takeoff is flashed to each of the centers involved and each of the sector controllers who then update their flight strips. If AA 10 arrives at a checkpoint early or late the flight strips again have to be updated and new arrival times at future checkpoints calculated.

All this preparation of flight strips, updating, and conflict searching is bookkeeping that, along with communication with airplanes, takes up 94 percent of a controller's time. The preparation of flight strips alone is a mammoth job: the New York ARTCC prepares 12,000 flight strips every day, almost five million a year.

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diverted equipment, and hotel and food bills for stranded passengers. The figure doesn't include revenue lost because tickets were not used or because passengers traveled by alternate means of transportation during the bad weather.

• Changing computer view—The computer now at Atlantic City is somewhat different from the machine FAA envisioned in 1957. For one thing, the agency thought they might be able to buy an off-the-shelf design, modify it slightly for air traffic control. For another, it was interested in two computers: one for enroute and the other for terminal control.

FAA has settled on one machine for both zones of control, a specially designed special purpose computer. Since 1958, a few air traffic centers have been equipped with file computers to prepare flight strips automatically. Table 1 compares the performance of the FAA's special purpose machine with the File computer and the Air Force's Sage computer in air traffic operations.

The special purpose machine will operate at about 75 percent of capacity. At this rate, in every hour a data processing central should be able to receive 440 flight plans, compute and print 1,600 flight strips, take in 2,000 keyboard entries of changes, and perform 1,770 conflict searches. The machine that will go into Bos-

The machine that will go into Boston will differ somewhat from the computer now at Atlantic City. Programming and program running times have turned out to be stumbling

blocks. So far, the FAA has programmed the computer only to calculate arrival times, and to print out and update flight strips. Conflict prediction remains to be programmed.

To simplify programming, FAA has ordered the addition of index registers in future computers.

Preliminary tests have shown that file memory access time is considerable—more than half computer operation time is transferring data to and from the memory drums. To reduce this, FAA has asked the manufacturer to double the core memory storage—from 4,000 words to 8,000 words—and to improve circuitry so that access time is cut from 24 microsec, to six microsec.

• More changes ahead—Before the computer completes its Atlantic City evaluation, additional changes are likely to be made. For example, FAA is studying the adoption of a trunk line system for handling computer outputs. At present, each controller's console is connected to the computer by a separate electric line. A message for a console is directed by the computer to the particular line serving it.

In a trunk line system, the computer will code messages for a console, send it out over a single output line; a sampling device will direct it to the proper console.

The big advantage of the trunk line is to reduce the amount of buffer storage in each individual console. At present, each console has its own buffering to hold a message until it is completely received. If the trunk

Table I
Computer Comparison in Air Traffic Control

	File Computer	FAA Computer	Sage Computer
Time (microsec.)			
Addition time	1,900	48-58	12
Multiplication time	42,300	102-678	12-180
Division time	33,600	152-656	12-180
Shift (Right or Left) time	460	56	6-36
Compare time	9,000	48	12
Memory Access	2,500	24*	6
Instructions performed per sec.			
Multiply	61	2,000	10,000
Divide	47	2,000	10,000
Add	530	35,000	85,000
Clock Rate	168 kc	489 k	c
Memory (bits)			
Core	none	448,000	262,144
Drum	9,000,000	28,672,000	4,900,000

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line system is installed, all messages will be held in computer buffering, resulting in simplification and reduction of cost of the consoles.

• Data acquisition—When the Phase II air traffic control system goes operational in 1964, all the inputs will be made manually. True, FAA will have devices like Fliden, a special purpose computer that receives a flight plan, converts it to computer format, displays it to an operator, then transmits an entire plan to the computer, but even Fliden has a mechanically operated keyboard. Updating will stem from position reports made by the captain of the aircraft being controlled.

Automatic data acquisition is coming—it is now only a matter of time. FAA already is well along testing AGACS (Air-Ground Automatic Communication System), a digital data link to carry routine fix messages. Using AGACS, an aircraft will carry special equipment capable of measuring altitude, heading, and speed; the pilot will dial in checkpoint identification. When the plane flies over the checkpoint, the pilot will push a button to transmit a message to ground at the rate of 750 bits per sec.

AGACS contains 32 discrete messages. Normally it operates on a "don't call us, we'll call you" basis. It can sample messages from 250 aircraft a minute.

Still to be resolved is the question of how to display AGACS information to the pilot. One suggested approach would display an electronic digital readout in the cockpit; another would produce hard copy in the form of printed Teletype tape for the pilot.

• Three-D radar—Although all the military services have experimented with three-dimensional radar, FAA maintains that none of the equipment so far demonstrated has sufficient resolution for air traffic control. ATC radar must be able to differentiate aircraft flying at altitudes 1,000 feet apart.

FAA now thinks it has the answer in a new high resolution system developed by the Maxson Corp. Here is how it works. A conventional S-band radar sends out a signal whose return to the transmitting antenna provides conventional position information. A second antenna (called the AHSR-1), which towers 16 stories high, 168 feet into the air, also receives the rebound signal, compares it with the initial transmission carried by wire to a special purpose computer to measure altitude.

Although FAA has not yet started

its evaluation of the Maxson system, an FAA spokesman predicts the agency will install the system at five or six installations.

This three-D radar almost defies the imagination. For surveillance over 360 degrees horizontally, the antenna is made up of three legs, each 16 stories tall and twenty feet wide, arranged to form a giant triangle. In each leg there are two walls of wave guides, each wall made up of 10 miles of carefully machined aluminum guide, that, when assembled, weighs 80 tons.

The Maxson 3-D radar is likely to cost FAA at least \$1 million per installation. But any system of automatic data acquisition is going to be expensive.

• Radar backup—Hans Giesecke, FAA's Chief Scientist at Atlantic City, feels certain another kind of data acquisition will eventually be needed to back up radar data. It is impossible, says Giesecke, for radar to be 100 percent effective all the time. Radar can handle about 80 percent of the load, so FAA is currently considering several other methods of automatic tracking.

A big question to be answered is, can the AGACS automatic communication supply this backup; or will tracking require a system that relies on even more equipment in the

Among the companies that have made automatic tracking proposals to FAA are Servo Corp., Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Lockheed Electronics, IBM, and the Cubic Corp. Basically all the systems depend on tracking by several ground stations either a voice signal or a signal specially transmitted by the aircraft, and would require a nation-wide network of ground stations.

work of ground stations.

TRW, for example, would track the audio of standard VHF transmission through multiple ground stations, which would correlate the received signals to obtain a time difference; from this the aircraft position can be calculated.

IBM would put a crystal clock in an aircraft to accurately sequence the transmission of pulses. On the ground, the received pulses would be compared with chose transmitted by a similar ground clock both pulses synchronized to station WWV; timing differences would supply position information.

 Automatic landing within sight— Within a year FAA is likely to authorize an automatic landing system for cargo craft. After testing for



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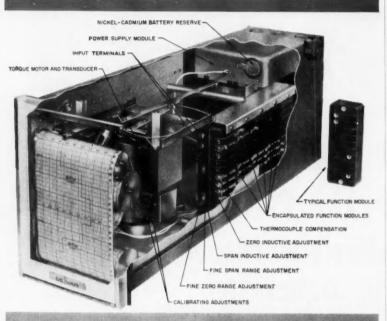
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a minimum of a year in freight service, FAA will consider extending automatic landing to commercial passenger liners.

Before approving a system, FAA has to consider some nontechnical problems as well as technical ones. For example, most airline pilots are almost certain to view any automatic landing system with reluctance—at least until the equipment has been proved reliable. That is why FAA is now studying systems that might just present information to the pilot at first. After the pilots are used to the system, a coupler to the autopilot could be installed for closed-loop control and a completely automatic landing sys-

At Atlantic City, FAA is testing or setting up to test six automatic landing systems. Descriptions of how four of them work are explained on page 32.

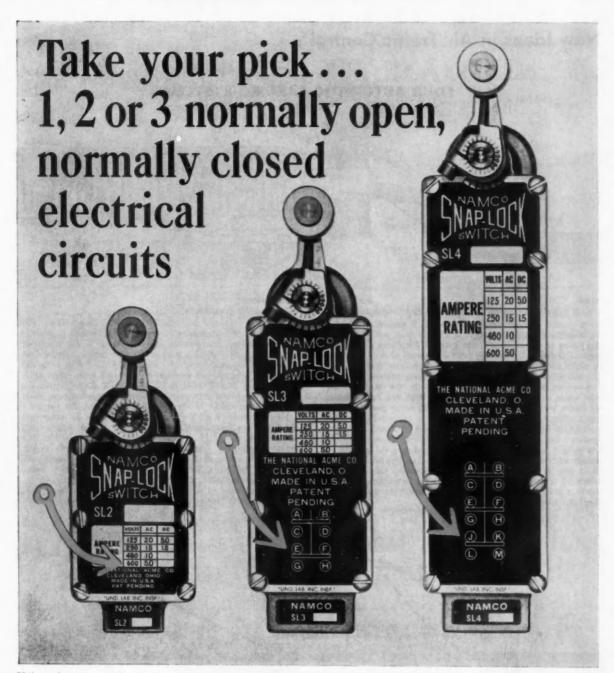
One system, the Bell Aircraft Co.'s AN/GSN-5, will probably be rejected by FAA for commercial service although the Navy has already approved and purchased seven installations. For one thing, landings with the Bell System are likely to be hard, a shock that would not disturb a Navy pilot strapped into a relatively light plane, but that could upset commercial passengers who are restrained only by a seatbelt in a heavy jet liner. In addition, the Bell System requires that a typical landing pattern for an aircraft be programmed into the computer. Since every aircraft has a distinctly different pattern, landing many different planes with the system would require reprogramming the computer for each aircraft.

The system most likely to be approved in the near future is one imported from England. Called the Blind Landing Experimental Unit (BLEU), it is currently being installed in a DC-7 aircraft that will fly to Britain to begin evaluation tests. Later the tests will be continued in Atlantic City.

Another system that looks promising is REGAL (Range Elevation Guide for Automatic Landing). Evaluation of this system is still some time away.

Watching the bustling activity at NAFEC is a cheering sight for an air traveler concerned about air safety. But one discouraging fact emerges. When asked how far FAA was away from having operational equipment that would have prevented the collision over Brooklyn, an FAA spokesman sadly replied, "At least two years".

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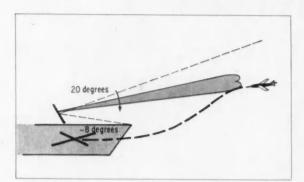
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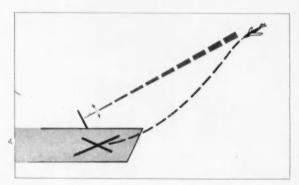
#### FOUR AUTOMATIC LANDING SYSTEMS



#### REGAL

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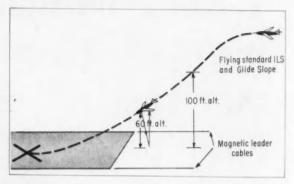
As a ground antenna sweeps downward, it generates at 9,000 Mc a notched beam composed of a pulse train which is coded depending on the position of the antenna. Each time the antenna moves 0.3 degree in its swing from 20 degrees above the surface to eight degrees below, the pulse train changes. A receiver in the aircraft determines what code has been received and from this can decide the elevation angle. Actually, the receiver measures angle at the notch of the beam. With the remainder of the beam, conventional distance measuring techniques determine range. Range and elevation data enter a computer that compares them with desired range and elevation, and the error signal operates the autopilot or advises the pilot. Conventional ILS (Instrument Landing System) is used to indicate the position of the runway centerline. Accuracy of the system has been designed to be plus or minus 0.05 degrees in elevation; range, plus or minus 50 feet at touchdown. The system is so precise it can detect a movement of six inches 1,200 feet from the antenna. Supplier: Gilfillian Bros.



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(Elevation Guidance for Approach and Landing)

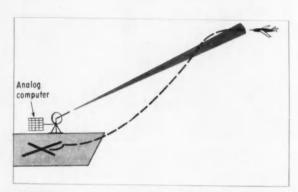
As antenna sweeps upward and downward, 16,000 Mc variable pulse is transmitted in a pencil beam. During an upward scan, spacing of pulses varies from 16 to 96 microsec. changing at the rate of four microsec. per degree. On the aircraft, a receiver identifies the timing of the pulses and determines the angle of elevation of the aircraft. This system is designed for an error of plus or minus 0.01 degree in the flare region and 0.05 degree near touchdown. In this modification, EGAL supplies information to the pilot. For automatic landing application, it would be used with another system such as the Instrument Landing System (ILS).



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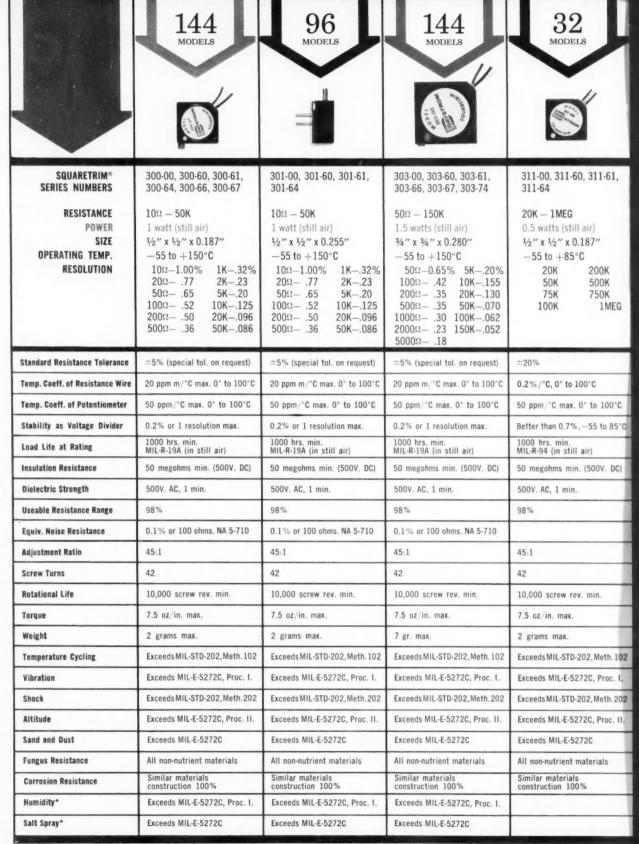
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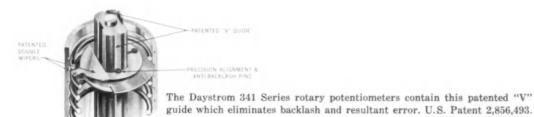




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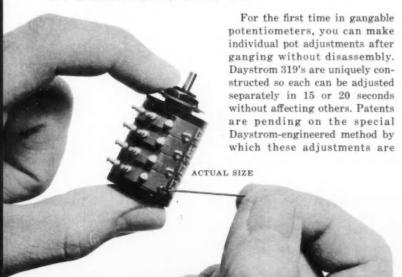
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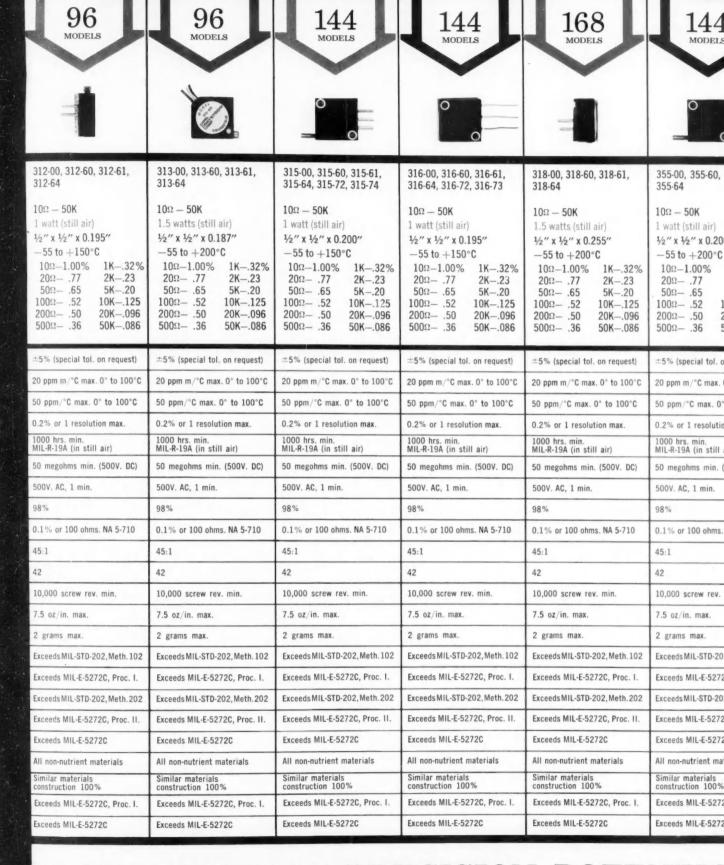
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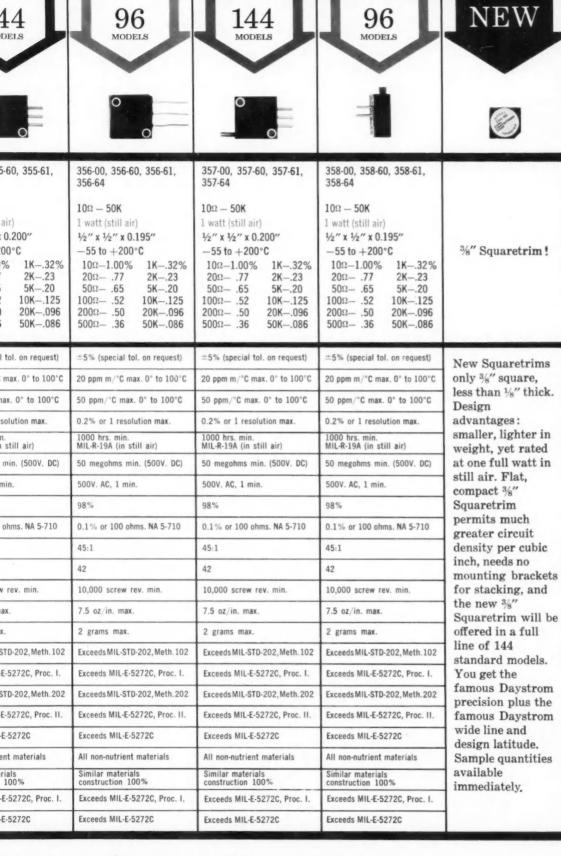
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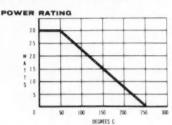


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#### Interest Shifts at Solid State Conference

The laser and magnetic logic systems grab most attention; disillusionment reported with the tunnel diode.

PHILADELPHIA-

At the annual Solid State Circuits Conference, many of those who work on the frontier of technology explode enthusiastically about new develop-ments and are just as quick to fall into disillusion when a development fails to meet expectations. Demonstrating this excitement and depression, three themes dominated the 1961 conference: the laser (light amplification by stimulated electromagnetic radiation) as a source of coherent light is the most exciting new development in solid state physics; the tunnel diode has disillusioned those who last year though it was the answer to every design problem; and magnetic logic units continue to intrigue designers of decision-making circuits because of outstanding reliability.

Almost every year since it has started, the Solid State Conference has spotlighted one new device. This year it was the optical maser or laser (previous stars: the tunnel diode last year; the silicon controlled rectifier two years ago). Dr. G. C. Dacy of the Bell Telephone Laboratories discussed application of the laser in space communications and data transmission and demonstrated a ruby laser.

An SRO audience crowded an informal evening discussion devoted to the laser, while a similar session on the tunnel diode had as many empty seats as filled ones. At the evening session, the crowd heard that application of the laser was moving rapidly. Hughes Aircraft, for example, has developed a coherent light radar; Bell Telephone Laboratories has solved the problem of continuous operation (CtE, March '61, p. 29).

• Limits on tunneling—Disillusion with the tunnel diode stems mainly from the device's bilateral nature and the close tolerances required in associated components. Most circuits discussed this year employed tunnel diodes along with regular diodes or transistors.

G. B. B. Chaplin of Plessey Co., Ltd., reported how rectifier diodes can be added to tunnel diode circuits to overcome tolerance difficulties. He also described a word-organized tunnel

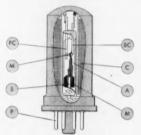


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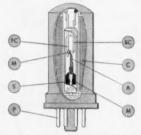
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Other presentations describing application of the tunnel diode:

► J. R. Turnbull, IBM, designed a nonsynchronous computer circuit in which tunnel diodes amplify and shape the signal. Transistors drive the diodes

and provide fan out.

W. V. Harrison and R. S. Foote of Texas Instruments described clocksynchronized 100-200 Mc switching circuits with tunnel diodes. In these, the diodes are aided by emitter-follower transistors for pulse steering and impedance transformation, and pulse transformers for inversion.

T. Yamamoto and A. Kishimoto of the Japan Defense Agency showed how a tunnel diode can be used as a parametric device in microwave computers. The diode receives energy while in the positive resistance region and delivers while it has negative resistance.

► Professor E. Goto, University of Tokyo, has designed tunnel diode logic circuits with transformer coupling to facilitate negation and supply

impedance matching.

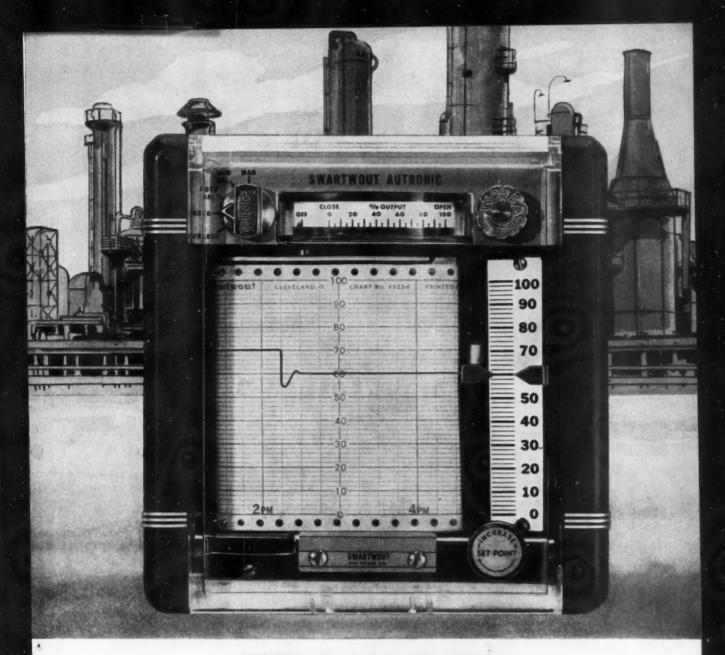
The prospects for new and faster tunnel diodes made of gallium arsenide have suffered a setback. Such devices produced to date have a lifetime of only a few months. J. Tiemann of General Electric said there are two phenomena at work, neither of which is now understood.

• New logic devices-Something new discussed was the neuristor, a class of structure that can propagate a signal with no attenuation. H. D. Crane, Stanford Research Institute, has designed many neuristors on paper, is now ready to build some.

Another unusual logic system described is optolectronic, composed of two materials: one electroluminescent and the other photoconductive. T. E. Bray of GE, who described the units, pointed out that although they are potentially inexpensive, their speed is limited by a slow change of state, of the order of 0.2 sec.

Other presentations at the conference show attendees are shifting their interest from the theoretical aspects of solid state physics to hardware. There was even much interest shown in microminiaturization techniques and how to position components physically in hardware such as computers.

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# Britain's Pattern Recognizer

A London professor is building an analog pattern recognition device that may be flexible enough to identify human faces.

LONDON-

At London's University College, Dr. W. K. Taylor is building an unusual \$100,000 machine that soon will be able to recognize patterns under varying illumination intensities, even when the pattern size and shape varies. Based on a principle akin to human perception, the machine operates solely on analog signals, switching to digital at the machine's output to

classify patterns.

Main components of Taylor's machine are a 10 by 10 photomultiplier sensing matrix, a summation unit with 4,000 potentiometers, an information storage unit composed of 4,000 stepping switches, and an on-off classification unit. A previous experimental unit with a 3 by 3 photomultiplier matrix and 16 capacitor-type storage units worked so well it was able to identify a typewritten T 100 percent of the time, even when the letter was tilted at an angle of 20 degrees.

• Kin to Perceptron—At first glance, the method of operation is quite similar to the Perceptron, the pattern recognition unit built at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory under Dr. Frank Rosenblatt's supervision (CtE, Oct. 1960, pp. 28-29). Each of the 4,000 summation potentiometers is connected in an exclusive manner to the 100 outputs of the photomultiplier matrix. The voltage distribution on the 100 output lines, the result of viewing a pattern, characterizes what the machine has seen. One of the 4,000 potentiometers has a maximum output to uniquely identify the character viewed.

If the machine were to characterize completely the outputs of the 100 cell matrix, it would need 2 potentiometer summing units. Taylor has reduced this to a practical number by discarding any units producing redundant information. As a result, each detector element in the matrix

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Taylor's machine, therefore, will imitate the configuration of the retina in the human eye. Resolution will decrease as the distance from the central area of highest resolution increases. The area covered by each photomultiplier positioned along the horizontal and vertical axes doubles as the distance from the center increases.

A detail filter, placed between the summing units and sensing matrix, emphasizes signals received from the edges and corners of the pattern. Taylor considers such signals more important for recognition than others. His filter is made up of banks of summing amplifiers with the outputs of each feeding back to the inputs of all

• Recognition—When a character is flashed on a screen for recognition, the photomultipliers sense the existence of light and dark areas, pass

signals onto the detail filter which emphasizes key recognition features such as edges and corners. Leaving the filter, the signals, some negative and some positive, feed into the summing amplifiers. When the sum of the

inputs to a specific amplifier are positive, they add to produce an output proportional to the number of inputs; when the sum is negative, the output is zero.

Which summation unit has the maximum output is identified by a second filter that generates a voltage on a line associated with the unit of maximum output. The special information storage units then classify the character into a category, just as the mind groups what the eye sees by association with similar or identical patterns stored in the human memory.

Taylor's machine uses the integrated output of the amplitude and duration of the maximum output filter to drive stepping switches that are coupled to a potentiometer. Variation of the potentiometer settings increases or decreases the attenuation constant in one of the paths between the filter output and the final 100 classification outputs. The path with minimum attenuation is energized, thus completing recognition.

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• After training—To train the machine, an "instructor" decides which classification unit is to be associated with a particular character. At the



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start of training, all the potentiometer pathways are positioned randomly. When the machine views the character, the transmission of one path is altered; simultaneously, the instructor closes the classification switch associated with that character, sending a reinforcement signal to the memory.

Once the machine has been trained to recognize a specific set of patterns, Taylor thinks the potentiometers can be removed and replaced by resistor attenuator networks which would be equivalent to the potentiometer settings but quite inexpensive. Thus the inventor sees a need for a general purpose recognition device—to recognize new patterns, and a special purpose machine that would identify the same patterns over and over again.

Because of the flexibility of his approach, Professor Taylor envisions some startling applications for his pattern recognition machine. For example, he hopes to investigate face recognition. The London scientist thinks he may be able to characterize the human face into a number of different basic categories. If he can do this, says Taylor, there is no reason why the machine will not be able to recognize photos of men.

Derek Barlow

#### Hungary Hosts Measurement Conference in Limited Quantities

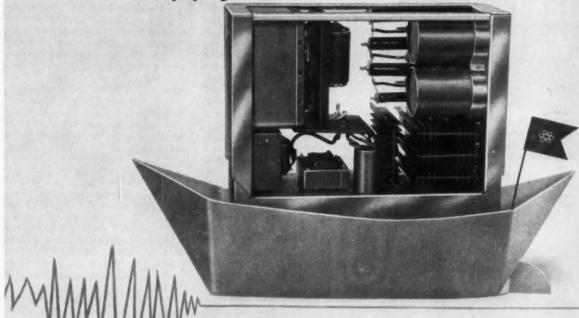
BUDAPEST-

The Second International Measurement Conference (IMEKO) will be held here from June 26 to July 1, 1961. At the same time an "International Preparatory Committee" approved 117 papers for presentation, the group decided to limit attendance to 700, setting quotas for each country.

United States attendance has been limited to 20; other quotas indicate that this is a meeting primarily for Soviet bloc countries. For example: USSR's quota is 75; East Germany's is 75 although West Germany's was reduced to only 30; Poland may send 75 representatives and Great Britain can send only 20.

From further study of the origin of papers and attendance quotas, it appears that one purpose of IMEKO is to educate Hungarian instrument engineers who have been assigned the role of measurement specialists in the Communist bloc's economic program. Although 195 Hungarians will attend the conclave, only 15 papers will be presented by Hungarian measurement specialists.

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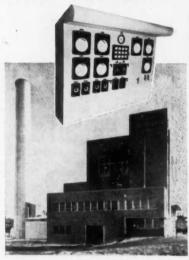


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#### AROUND THE BUSINESS LOOP

#### The Controversy Over Project Turnkey

Turmoil over new mechanized post of office has engineers asking questions: is the fuss just politics or are some fundamental mechanical deficiencies behind it? Investigation shows there are some lessons to be learned.

Ask the new Postmaster General J. Edward Day what he thinks of the Post Office Dept.'s new experimental mechanized post office at Providence, R. I., and he'll sum up his feelings in the terse expression, "It doesn't work." Ask employees at the controversial post office and they'll tell you, "It works fine; there have been some bugs but we're getting them

Since the new mechanized equipment at Project Turnkey has been operating only three months—and some of that time under adverse conditions—sufficient time may not yet have elapsed to decide who is right. One thing seems sure, however, the startup of the complex system has not proceeded as smoothly as expected.

worked out as fast as we can.

Washington experts tell you that most of what you hear from the new postmaster general is political, designed to embarrass the outgoing administration as acutely as possible. And indeed, reporters have been hard put to get specific information pinpointing what has been wrong at Providence. Prime contractor on this installation, International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. has been just as adamant that the mechanized equipment has worked as well as expected.

To paint an unbiased picture of what is happening at the Providence Post Office, CtE set three reporters to work investigating the controversy: one in Providence, one in Washington, and one in New York. Their conclusions: despite the political questions, there are some lessons for control engineers to learn from the troubles of ITT at Providence.

• Political football—At least some element of national politics is involved in the criticism of Project Turnkey. Rep. J. Vaughan Gary (D-Va.), Chairman of the House Treasury-Post Office Subcommittee, has accused the project of having "failed miserably to meet expectations". His committee has launched a congressional investigation into the matter.

Local politics seem to be involved too. The present postmaster of Providence is scheduled to retire soon, and there's a war of nerves underway among a flock of his subordinates who would like to be his successor.

• Technical bugs—But not all the complaints revolve around political situations. CtE's reporters found that some of the troubles can be traced back to systems engineering deficiencies. For example:

▶ Post Office management did not have a clear idea of what the mechanization would accomplish; in fact, there is good evidence they had oversold themselves, expected miracles of what was really semiautomatic equipment.

Man-machine relationships have not been solved completely. Although some of this equipment had been installed in Europe and other pieces have been working at the Washington, D. C., Post Office, virtually all the problems are combinations of human and mechanical failings. There is some evidence that the Post Office will not be able to retrain all of its workers, particularly the older ones, to operate the new equipment.

Some mechanical deficiencies have to be worked out; some minor redesign is needed on a few machines; some new procedures may have to be worked out. For example, the sorting machine is mangling mail, maybe 25 to 40 letters a day, because the mail is not being removed fast enough by clerks. Warning lights might prevent

▶ The Post Office Dept. may not be using the system to the extent possible. In original plans the Turnkey post office was to handle mail from 180 post offices in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. Currently it is receiving mail from only 11 Providence district stations. Both Post Office employees and ITT have been asking for more mail. Average volume now is running about 400,000 letters per day; the system was designed to handle 1.3 million pieces of mail per day. It is possible that this year's unusually heavy snows have slowed the Post Office's plans to use the system.

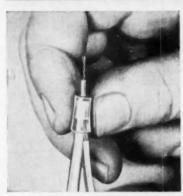
• Oversold—One of the best publicized "deficiencies" of the post office has been the inability of six electronic facer-cancellers to distinguish between valid U.S. stamps and any other kind.



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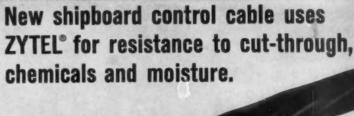
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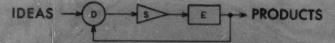
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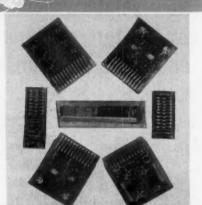
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A serious defect of this equipment, however, has been its determination to reject window envelopes. Because it operates on an optical light sensing principle—with photocell scanning to spot the stamps—the device rejects mail when the light hits a glassine window envelope that has been cut too low. Rejection rates for this reason have been running anywhere from 30 percent (claimed by the post office) to 15 percent (admitted by IT&T).

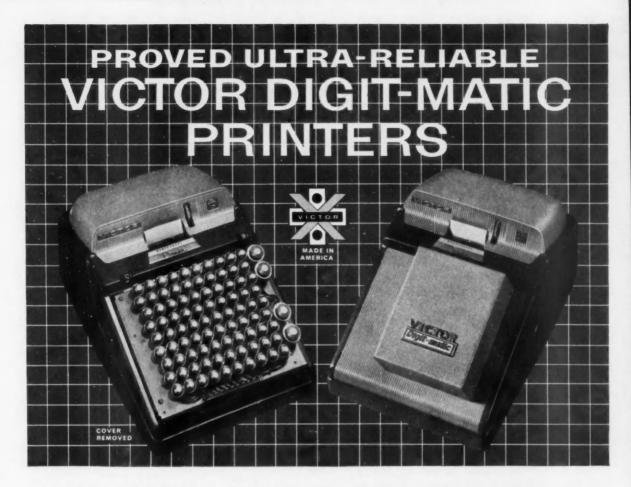
Of course a certain amount of this mail is supposed to be rejected. The electronic machines cancel only "average-sized" envelopes. All others are rejected for hand cancelling.

• Tired man—At least one part of the mechanized system has had difficulty meeting the specifications of performance: the semiautomatic mail sorter, of which there are six at Providence. Letter mail is moved in front of an operator who reads the address, then punches in a three-key code to automatically sort the letter into the proper continuously moving bin. Each operator is supposed to be able to sort 50 letters per minute. But the pace has been too gruelling for some operators. And others have been too slow learning the code.

ITT points out that the machines have worked at this rate in Europe and at the Washington, D. C., Post Office where they have also been installed. In Washington, young girls were hired and specially trained to run the machines. At Providence the Post Office retrained men who were mail handlers or even letter carriers to operate the equipment. It indicates, said an ITT spokesman, that retraining postal clerks to use mechanized equipment may not be as easy or as practical as expected.

• Mangled letters—One other problem with the sorter has been the tendency to mangle a handful of letters each day because the continuously moving bins are not emptied. The way the system works a mail clerk is supposed to take the package of letters from a bin when it fills up—capacity is 50 letters. But if he turns away from machine or leaves it for any

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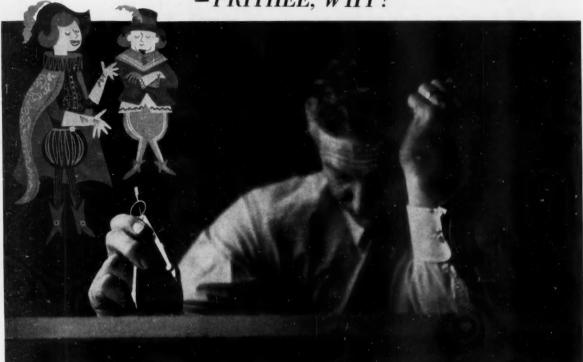
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You mean -?

Precisely. I mean a better chronodigitator.

Come, come! If this engineer hath indeed created a better chronodigitator. why doth he not sing for sheer joy, why not click together his heels just for theuh-heck of it? Why is he woebegone?

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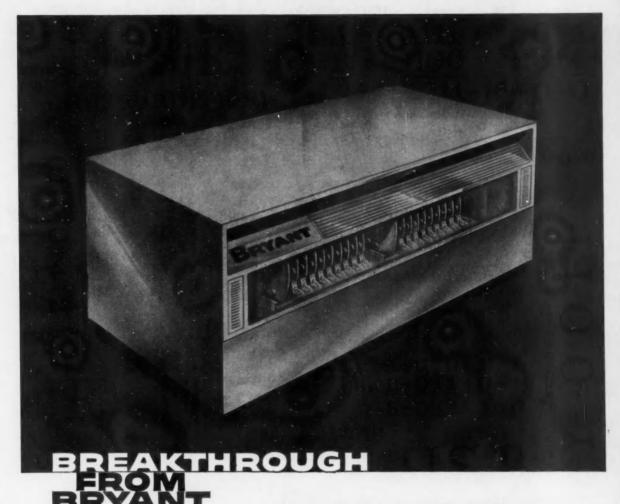
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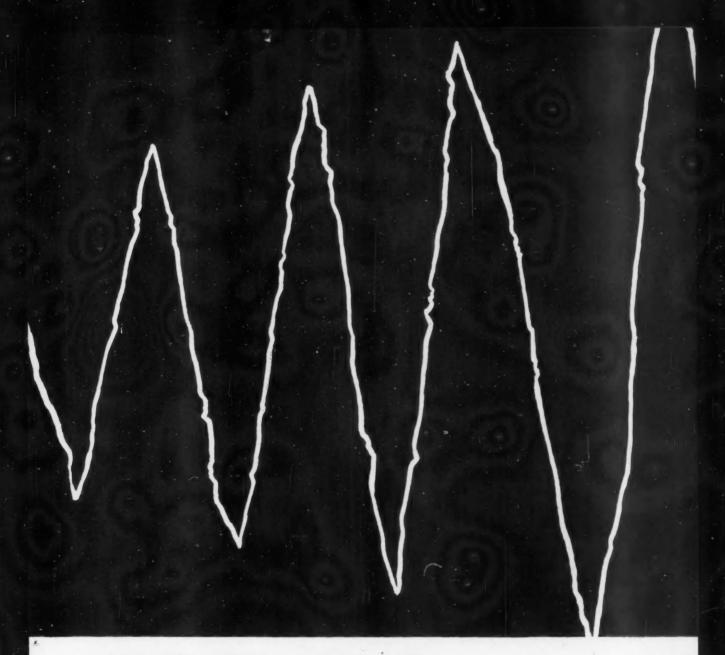
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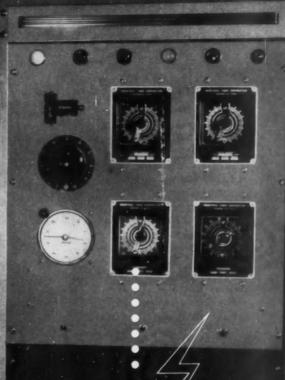
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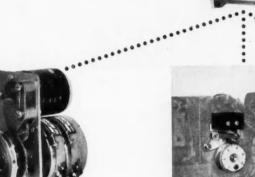
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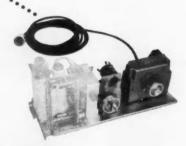


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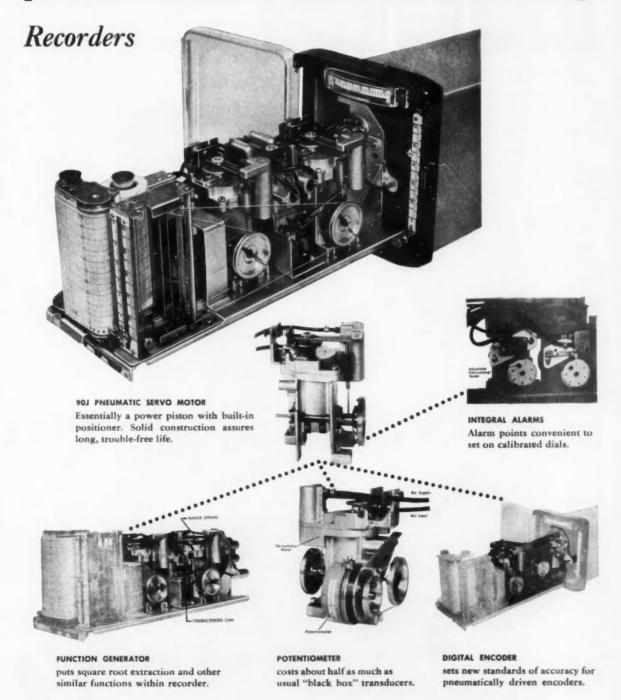


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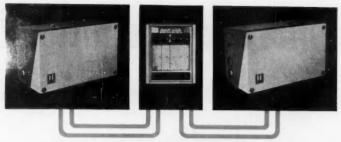
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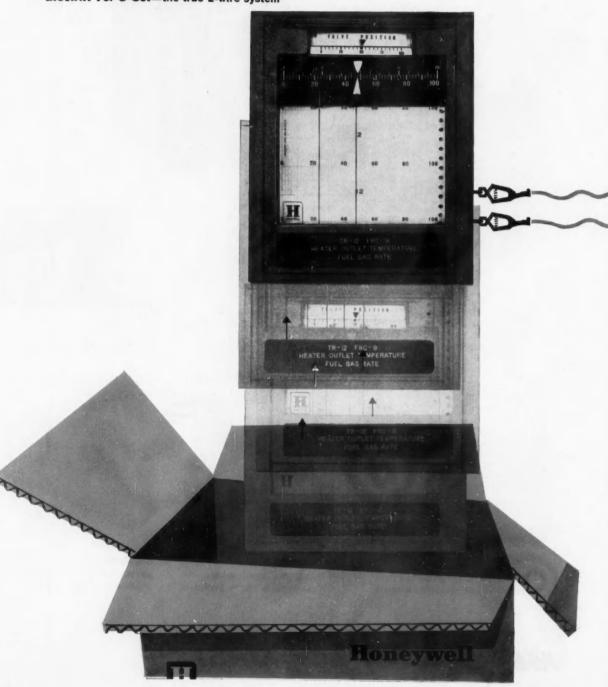
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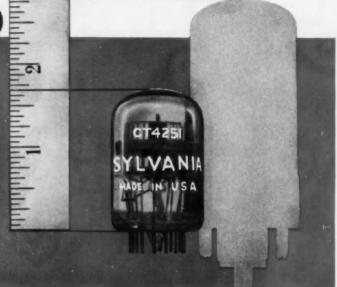
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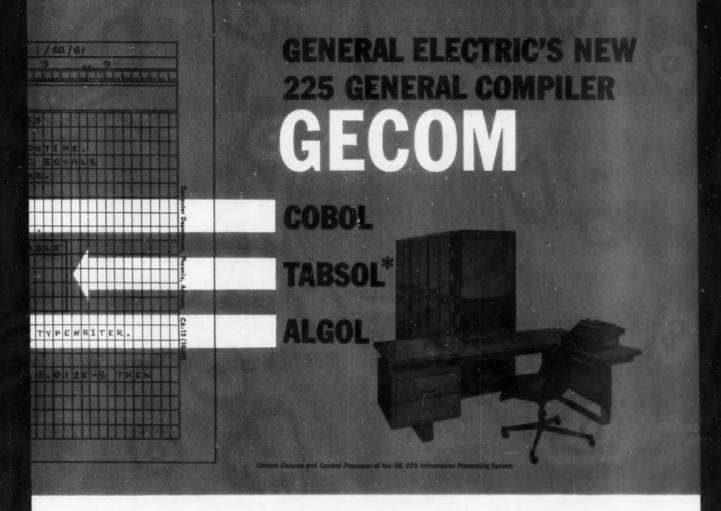
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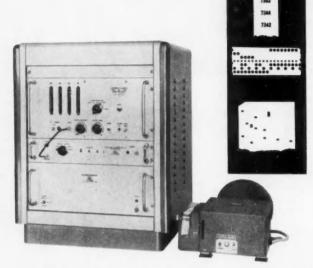
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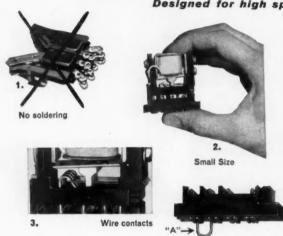
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Operating time (Nom.)	5.5 milliseconds max. Inc. bounce
Life	200 million operations
Coil Form	Single or Double Winding (Pic & Hold)
Coil Voltage	20 volts D.C. thru 115 volts D.C.
Coil Power	4 watts max.
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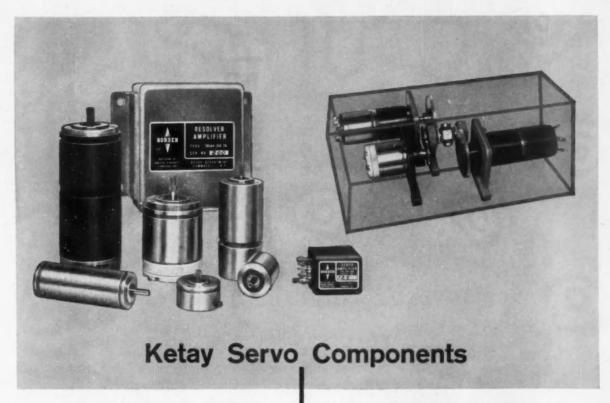




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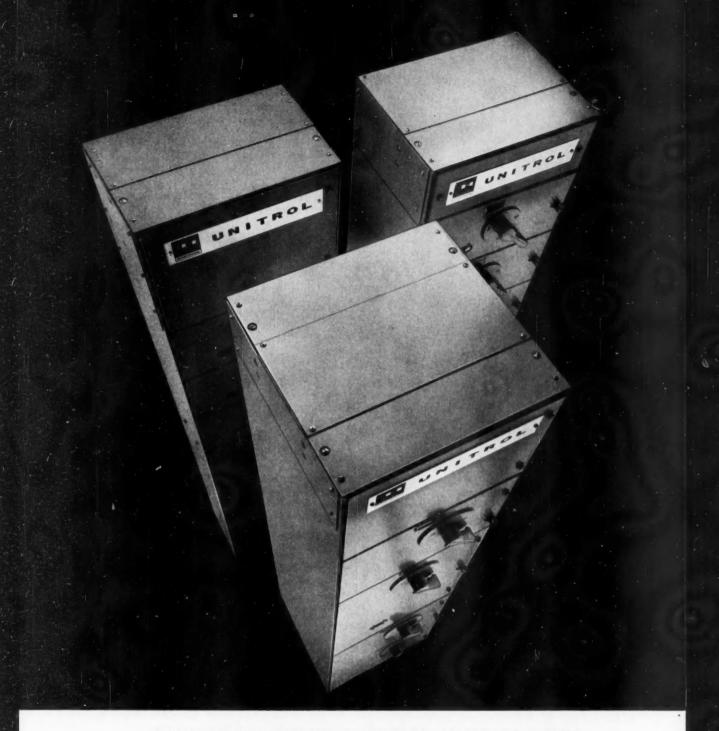
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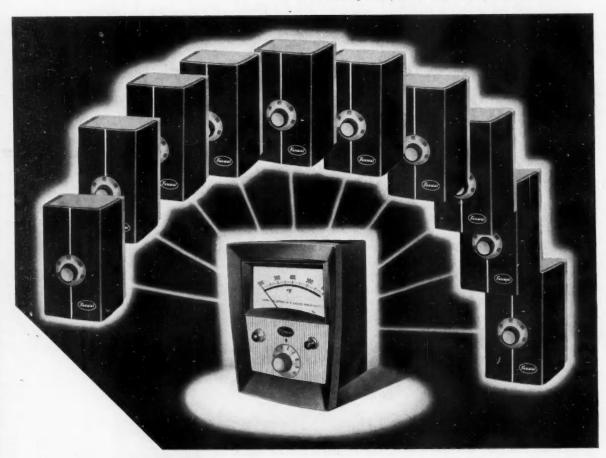
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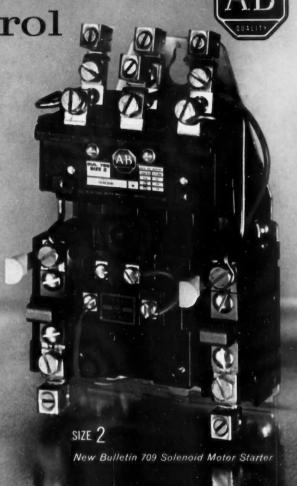
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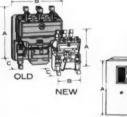
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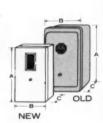
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	OPEN TYPE STARTERS									
Starter Size		NEW		OLD						
	Height A	Width B	Depth C	Height A	Width B	Depth C				
00	35/8	3%	3%		E	-				
0	5%	41/16	311/16	5%	43/4	31/4				
1	65/8	41/2	311/16	5%	5	31/4				
2	73/4	45/8	311/6	101/16	53/4	41/2				
3	101/4	61/4	5%	12%	71/4	5%				
4	11%	75/6	61/4	161/4	123/4	615%				
5	1413/6	9	61/2	20	161/8	83/4				

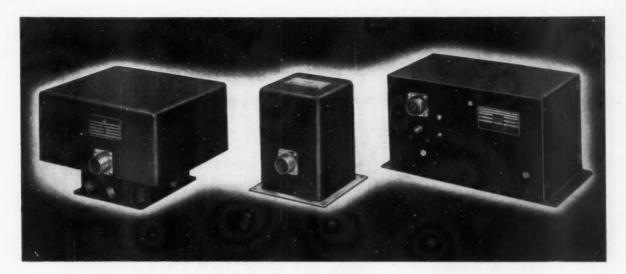




	NEMA 1 ENCLOSURES									
Starter		NEW		OLD						
Size	Height A	Width B	Depth C	Height A	Width	Septh C				
00	7%	41/8	41/4	1	-	-				
0	91/8	65/16	4%	7%	5%	41/4				
1	10	613/16	4%	813/6	6%	41/4				
2	12	7%	4%	141/2	9	5%				
3	16%	10%	7	191/2	11%	611/4				
4	22	11%	8	26%	14%	711/16				
5	321/4	173/6	9%	411/2	19%	13%				

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Frequency	400± 1/4 cps	400 cps±1%	400±1%	
Phases	Three	Three	Single	
Transient protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Input voltage				
Nominal	28v dc	28v dc	28v dc	
Range	18-29v dc	20-29v dc	18-29v dc	
Dimensions	5"x6"x8¾"	5"x6"x75/8"	51/8 "x51/8 "x85/8 "	

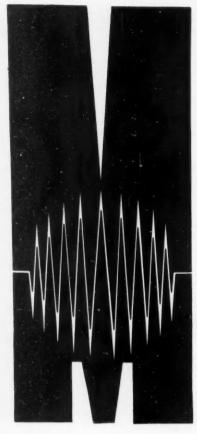
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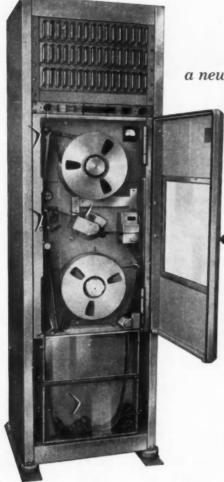
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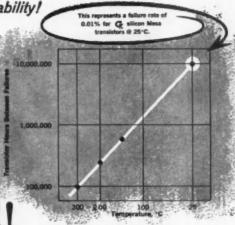
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ACTUAL	2N696	TO-5	60 v	5 v	2 watts	<ul> <li>Ψ<sub>co</sub> = 30 v</li> <li>T = 25°C Ambient: 1 μ a max</li> <li>T = 150°C Ambient: 100 μ a max</li> </ul>	20 min 60 max	2 min	1.3 v max	1.5 v max	35 pf max
SIZE	2N697	TO-5	60 v	5 v	2 waits	<ul> <li>V<sub>cs</sub> = 30 v</li> <li>T = 25°C Ambient: 1 μ s max</li> <li>T = 150°C Ambient: 100 μ s max</li> </ul>	40 min 120 max	2.5 min	1.3 v max	1.5 v max	35 pf max
	2N699	TO-S	120 v	5v	2 watts	@ V <sub>cs</sub> = 60 v T = 25°C Ambient: 2 <sub>p</sub> 's max T = 150°C Ambient: 200 <sub>p</sub> s max	40 min 120 max	2.5 min	1.3 v max	5.0 v max	20 pf max
π	2N706	TO-18	25 v	34	1 watt	@ V <sub>o</sub> = 15 v T = 25°C Ambient: 0.5 μ a max T = 150°C Ambient: 30 μ a max	V <sub>ct</sub> = 1 <sub>v</sub> 1 <sub>c</sub> = 10 me 15 min	V <sub>Ct</sub> = 15 v I <sub>c</sub> = 10 ma f = 100 Mc 2 min	i <sub>s</sub> = 1 ma i <sub>c</sub> = 10 ma 0.9 v max	i <sub>s</sub> = 1 ma i <sub>c</sub> = 10 ma 0.6 v max	6 pf max
	2N1252	TO-5	30 v	5 v	2 wetts	@ V <sub>cs</sub> = 20 v T = 25°C Ambient: 10 μ a max T = 150°C Ambient: 600 μ a max	15 min 45 max	2 min	1.3 v max	1.5 v max	45 pf max
	2N1253	TO-5	30 v	5.4	2 watts	@ V <sub>cs</sub> = 20 v T = 25°C Ambient: 10 μ a max T = 150°C Ambient: 600 μ a max	30 min 90 max	2.5 min	1.3 v max	1.5 v max	45 pf max
TO-18	2N1420	TO-5	60 v	Sv	2 watts	V <sub>cs</sub> = 30 ∨ T = 25°C Ambient: 1.0 μ a max T = 150°C Ambient: 100 μ a max	100 min 300 max	2.5 min	1.3 v max	1.5 v max	35 pf max



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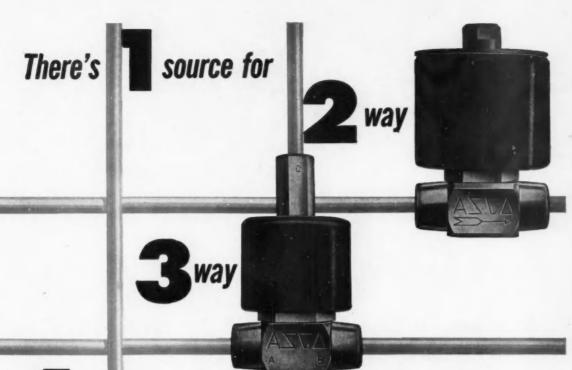


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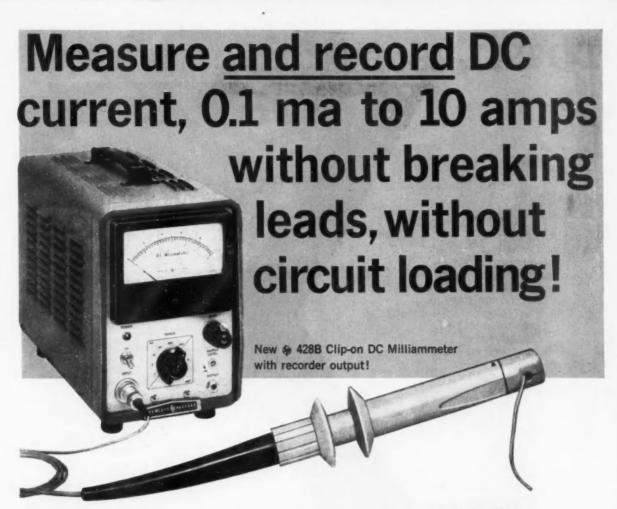
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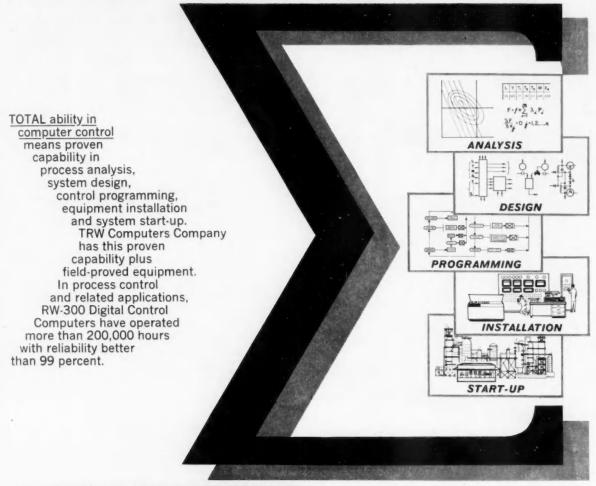


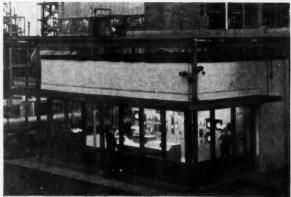
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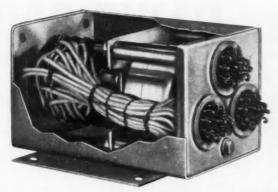
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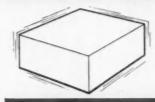
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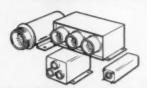




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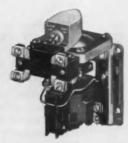
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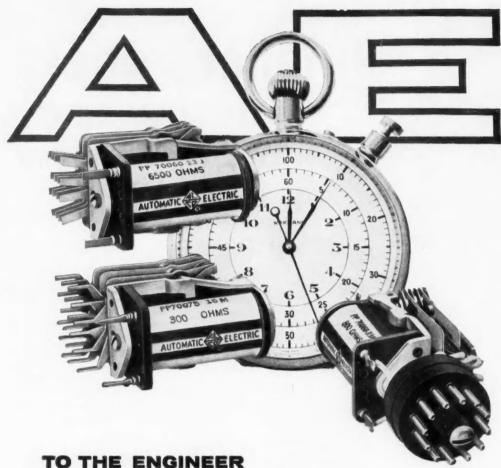
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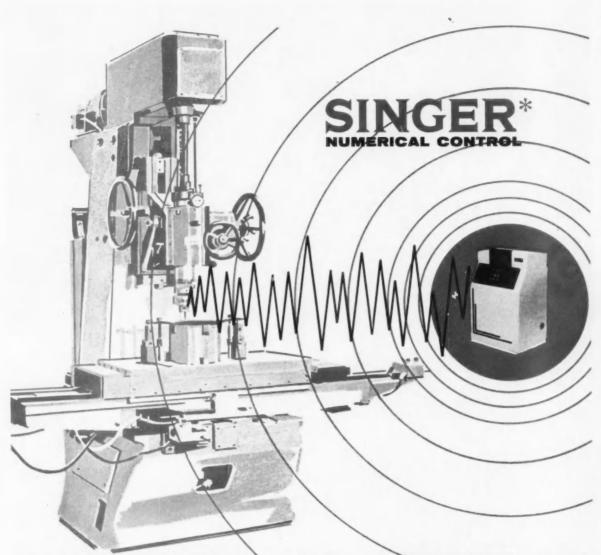




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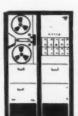
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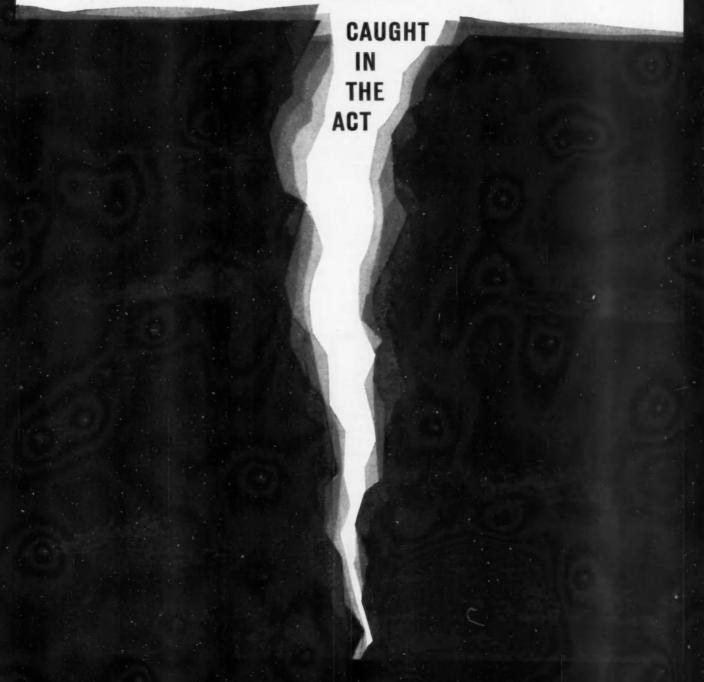
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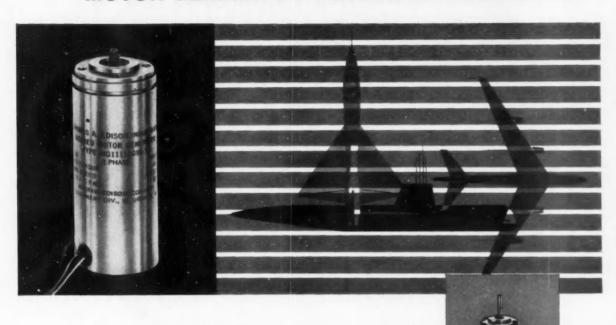
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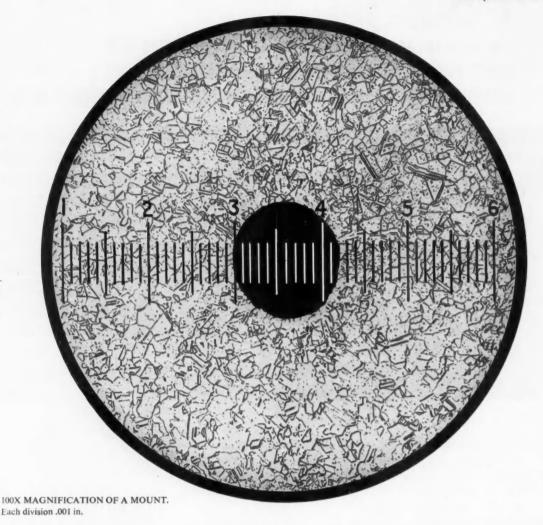
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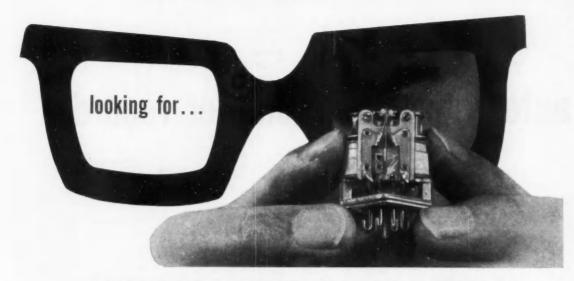
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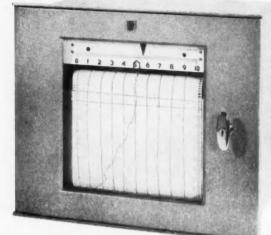
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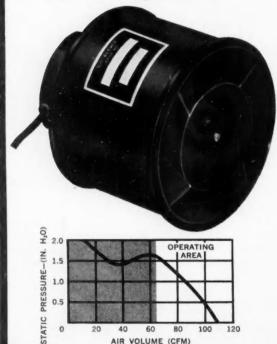
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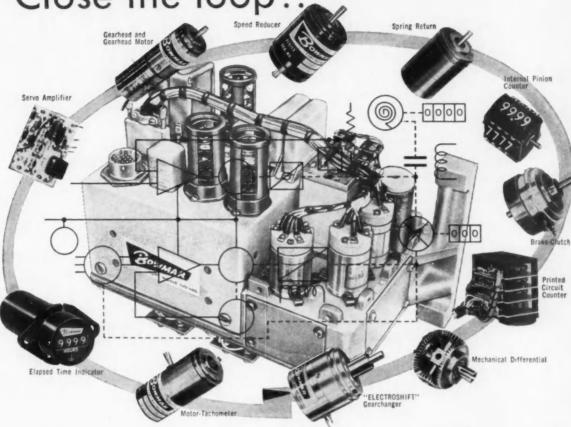
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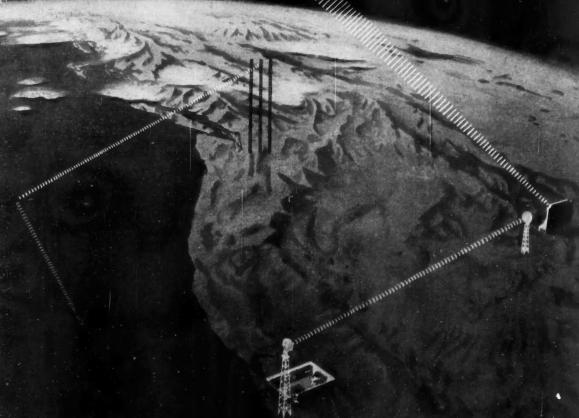


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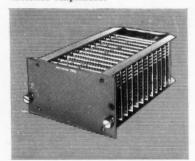
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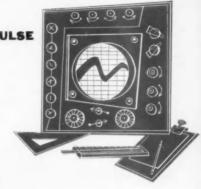
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# Will the Government Slow Modernization?

Equipment mechanization with automatic control is moving too fast. That is the consensus of labor spokesmen in President Kennedy's new administration. And the U.S. Government will soon take some steps that could slow the rate of mechanization.

After a whirlwind two-day tour of the Midwest in February, Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg returned to Washington bemoaning the level of unemployment. At a press conference, he placed a lot of the blame on work forces reduced in size by automatic equipment, vowed to establish a new section in the Department of Labor to wrestle with the problems introduced by automatic equipment.

Goldberg's action culminates a steady growth of union opposition to mechanization (CtE, Sept. '60, p. 125-129). Last fall, labor leaders like the United Auto Workers' Walter Reuther and United Steel Workers' David MacDonald advocated schemes for slowing the introduction of automatic equipment. Now the resistance is more than talk.

On the West Coast last month, after the Pacific Maritime Association (an organization of dock and ship operators) and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Association had concluded what many call a model automation pact—the union will allow the employers' group to introduce any labor saving device while the employers have agreed to pay a guaranteed wage to dock workers—officials of the Western Conference of Teamsters warned they would not recognize the pact, would strike the docks if labor saving devices cut out any teamster jobs.

At February's AFL-CIO summit meetings in Florida, how the federal government could control the pace of automation was the top topic of private conversations. One official told a CtE reporter, "Organized labor is desperately afraid of too fast development of automation".

Goldberg is attempting to convince labor leaders that the U. S. Government will do something to protect workers affected by automation. The Labor Secretary himself feels that automation is the toughest labor-management issue facing the country. It has, says Goldberg, priority for organization before the president's newly conceived Labor-Management Advisory Committee.

Even Goldberg doesn't know what his new automation section will do. He is still trying to work out organizational details with

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the Bureau of the Budget. But Goldberg's past record hints at

what industry can expect.

At hearings to confirm his nomination, he told the Senate Labor Committee "We should push the process of accelerating automation, but we should adopt programs to protect human beings in the process. We should get the full potential of automation and at the same time safeguard against hardships that happen to individuals, to families, when automation takes place".

Goldberg, as legal counsel and negotiator for the United Steel Workers, was involved in a number of bitter steel strikes that amounted to automation disputes, like the 160-day steel strike in 1959, over work rules. He has conceded that workers may resort to featherbedding or hanging on to obsolete work rules as a way

of protecting their jobs.

In 1956, Goldberg's steel workers negotiated their supplementary unemployment benefits clause that set up a companypaid fund for laid-off steel workers. He sees the SUB plan as the

first of the automation pacts in industry.

Some Washington viewers are saving that the Labor Secretary ultimately will model the automation section after the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Its assignment: to gather from all of industry what developments are going on, what labor skills are being affected, and what methods of retraining workers are being carried

If this were the end, industry would not have much to be alarmed about. But Goldberg has ambitions to expand the status and scope of the Department of Labor. He wants the department to exert more influence on national economic planning. He envisions his department going beyond the data collection function, recommending programs such as when and where to move workers displaced by automation; retiring workers at 60 instead of 65 or later; starting severance pay settlements for workers laid off during their working years.

All this means that control engineers are likely to have to modify their economic justification studies applied to the installation of new automatic equipment. Both makers and users of control and instrumentation have much at stake in the government's new view

toward modernization.

#### Goldberg's record

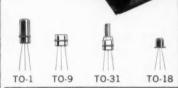
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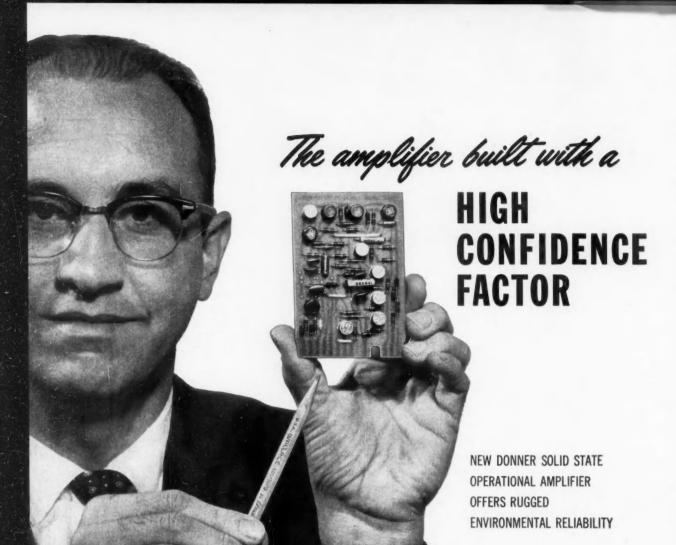
Certainly most industries will not be increasing capacity just for capacity's sake. Rather they will seek ways to produce the same or a better product at lower unit costs, through new production and processing techniques or through the modernization of existing capacity. Each industry will invest in equipment that will increase throughput, reduce reject rate, decrease direct labor, minimize inventory requirements, optimize business operations. This leads to business for suppliers of conventional capital goods and, more important to you, it means the control field must expand since the benefits to be gained are exactly those that accrue through the proper use of automatic control systems.

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# Using Pneumatic Analog Computing Elements for CONTROL

Many opportunities exist in process operations for incorporating computing operations in the control scheme. When the particular application is relatively small and well defined, reliable pneumatic analog devices offer a low-cost, profitable way of achieving computing control.

The needed computation is obtained by proper interconnection of simple pneumatic analog computing elements that can perform arithmetic, linearizing, differentiating, integrating, and logic functions. These elements and their operation are detailed here. The article concludes with a typical control system employing such devices for computing and optimizing.

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#### A. ADDING, SUBTRACTING, AND INVERTING

Two basic computing relays, the pneumatic force balance type and the mechanical force balance type perform simple addition, subtraction, and inversion of pneumatic signals.

In the pneumatic force balance relay, Figure 1, signal pressures in chambers A and B act downward and the signal pressures in chambers C and D act upward on their diaphragms. Here, all four diaphragms have the same effective area. Spring force K is adjustable over a full range of positive and negative forces. Any unbalance in the net working forces moves the diaphragm assembly and its integrally connected nozzle seat, the change in nozzle seat clearance with respect to the detecting nozzle thereby adjusting the output pressure T in chamber D until force balance is restored.

The basic equation describing relay operation is

$$T = A + B - C = K$$

When performing a specific computation, all unused input ports must remain vented to atmospheric pressure.

In the mechanical force balance computing relay, Figure 2, each bellows has the same effective area. Relay output pressure acts on bellows T. Pressures

FIG. 1. PNEUMATIC ADDING RELAY.

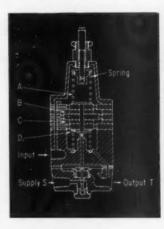
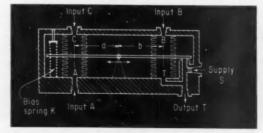


FIG. 2. PNEUMOMECHANICAL ADDING RELAY.



in chambers A and B increase output, while pressure in chamber C decreases output. The output pressure automatically changes to maintain all forces in balance. Spring force K is fully adjustable.

The basic equation for this relay is

$$T = \frac{a}{b} (A - C) + B = K$$

If the lever ratio a/b is unity, the equation becomes

$$T = A + B - C = K$$

Adding of two variables can be performed by either relay when their pressures are connected to

chambers A and B. Subtraction obtains by connecting the minuend to either chamber A or B and the subtrahend to chamber C.

A signal can be inverted, or reversed, with either relay by loading the signal into chamber C and adjusting spring K for the proper positive suppression. The equation for inverting signal C is

$$T = K - C$$

For example, for inverting a 3 - 15 psi signal to a 15 - 3 psi signal, the spring is set to give an 18-psi positive suppression (K = +18). This makes the output 15 psi for a 3 psi input.

#### **B. ADDING MULTIPLE INPUTS**

From three to six variables can be added in a computing relay, Figure 3, that is similar to the relay in Figure 1 except that more diaphragms provide additional input chambers and output feedback chambers. Here, the particular relay sums five inputs and produces an output proportional to the average of five inputs:

$$T = \frac{A+B+C+D+E}{5} \pm K$$

The averaging feature is especially desirable in analog computing, since all signals—both input and output—are maintained in the same standard range without requiring special scaling of signals.

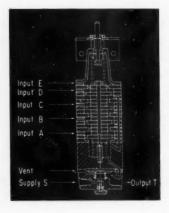


FIG. 3. MULTIPLE INPUT ADDING RELAY.

#### C. MULTIPLYING AND DIVIDING

A common multiplier-divider is the Sorteberg force bridge, Figure 4. Input pressures act on bellows in chambers A, B, and D. The output signal is the feedback pressure in chamber C. The bridge contains two weigh beams, WL and WR, pivoting on a common movable fulcrum. Each beam operates in its associated feedback (balancing) loop. Any unbalance in moments on the left beam moves the fulcrum position until the left beam's moments on the right beam results in a change in output pressure until the right beam's moment-balance is restored. Therefore, the equations characterizing the balanced force bridge are

and 
$$A \times a = B \times b$$
  
 $A \times a = C \times b$   
Thus  $A \times C = B \times D$   
or  $C = (B \times D)/A$ 

Multiplication results when the two input variables are connected to chambers B and D. Division obtains when the dividend is connected to either chamber B or chamber D, with the divisor connected to chamber A. Simultaneous multiplication and division results, as the immediately preceding equation shows, when chambers B, D, and A are connected to signal pressures.

Two other types of multiplier-dividers are available. One, similar to the relay in Figure 2, has a pneumatically adjusted fulcrum. In the other, one variable changes a vector angle through an open-loop adjustment, with a second variable serving as the input to the vector-balance transmitter. One advantage of these two multiplier-dividers is that suppressed range signals representing such variables as pressure and temperature can be used directly, whereas the Sorteberg force bridge requires inputs proportional to the absolute values of these variables.

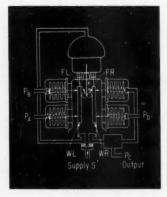


FIG. 4. SORTEBERG FORCE BRIDGE.

### D. MULTIPLYING BY A CONSTANT

Scaling, a common term signifying multiplication by a constant, can be accomplished by pressure transmitters, proportional controllers, and adjustable ratio relays. When the application fixes the scaling factors—for example, when flow signals are scaled to the same range prior to addition or subtraction—the pressure transmitter appears to be the best choice from the standpoint of accuracy, reliability, and cost. When scaling factors are to be modified frequently, as when the factors represent revenue or cost, a good choice is the adjustable ratio relay.

An all-pneumatic ratio relay, Figure 5, contains a pressure divider circuit consisting of a fixed restriction  $R_t$  and a variable restriction  $R_v$  in series. The input signal produces a flow through the two restrictions and into a 3 psi reference pressure maintained by a datum regulator. The pressure at the junction of the two restrictions, the scaled signal pressure, is a function of relative resistance:

$$K = \frac{R_v}{R_v + R_f}$$

The scaling factor K is determined by the setting of the variable restriction. The scaling adjustment is available on the front panel. A duplex pressure

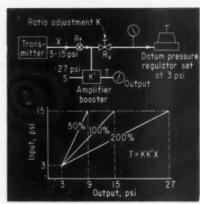


FIG. 5. SCALING OR RATIO RELAY.

gage indicates input and output pressures.

The pressure divider attenuates only; its gain K is less than unity. However, an amplifying relay adds a fixed gain K' greater than unity, the over-all scaling factor KK' then being adjustable through values greater than unity. Therefore,

$$T = KK'X$$

The term KK' determines the input-output slope.

### E. DIFFERENTIATING

The pneumatic differentiation relay, Figure 6, produces an output directly proportional to the rate-of-change of input. Similar to the relay in Figure 1, this one has an effective annular diaphragm area in chambers B and C more than ten times the effective area of the smaller diaphragms in chambers A and B, thus giving a gain greater than ten. The input signal flows unrestricted to chamber B and passes through an adjustable restriction to chamber C. When input pressure changes, a differential pressure develops across the restriction and the output varies according to the difference. Thus, during a change in input signal the output develops a signal related to the rate-ofchange of input. When the input pressure is steady, the forces in chambers B and C cancel, with the result that the net output pressure is equivalent to the spring setting.

For accurate results, this differential must be directly proportional to the input rate of change. A needle valve restriction produces laminar air flow which provides a linearly proportional volumetric flow. But the differential pressure across the restriction is a function of the mass flow which varies with static pressure because of air compressibility. Without compensation, the compressibility error is about 25 percent. Such an error can be fully compensated, however, by adding a variable volume to chamber C. As the static pressure increases,

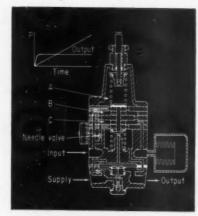


FIG. 6. DIFFERENTIATION RELAY.

tending to make the differential smaller because of higher mass flow rate, the volume increases proportionally to maintain a constant differential. The constant differential means that the output signal will be directly proportional to the input rate of change. Such linearity is especially desirable when the differentiated signal is employed in a computing scheme. The needle valve setting determines the rate time constant.

### F. INTEGRATING

Integration, the inverse of differentiation, produces an output directly proportional to an error signal accumulating with time. Figure 7 shows an integration relay. The input signal determines the pressure differential across the needle valve restriction. As with the differentiation relay, laminar flow across the needle valve directly relates volumetric flow to the differential pressure. The mass flow (which determines the accumulated pressure) still varies with static pressure because of compressibility. This effect is compensated by connecting a variable volume to chamber A. The needle valve sets the integrator's time constant.

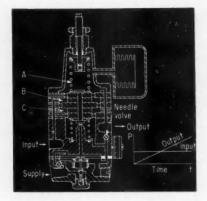


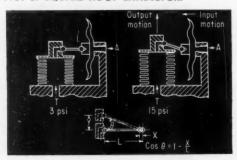
FIG. 7. INTEGRATION RELAY.

### **G. SQUARE ROOT EXTRACTING**

Typically, square root extraction is regularly required to linearize flow measurements determined from differential pressure signals developed across an orifice inserted in a pipe through which the flow occurs. The resulting linearized signals are then proportional to the flow and suited for further computations such as addition and multiplication.

The Sorteberg force bridge, Figure 4, accomplishes square root extraction by connecting output

FIG. 8. SQUARE ROOT EXTRACTOR.



### H. FUNCTION GENERATING

Function generators produce any desired relationship between output and input signals. The relationship may be linear or nonlinear. Typical nonlinear functions arise from square root extracting, squaring, and taking the logarithm of the input signal. Since most pneumatic function generators are cam characterized, the devices can generate any function that can be cut on a cam and reproduced accurately by the cam follower. A characterized cam is particularly beneficial since the cam shape can be derived from test data supplied by a graph or table or from an analytically-derived equation defining a relationship between input and ouput.

signal C to chamber A. Therefore, C = A and

$$C = \frac{B \times D}{A} = \frac{B \times D}{C} = \sqrt{B \times D}$$

Thus, this computing unit can take the square root of the product of two variable signals, or of one variable multiplied by a constant.

Other square root extractors employ a geometric relationship as the operating principle—the change in cosine of an included angle compared with the change in the angle, a relationship that holds true for small angular displacement. Figure 8 shows such a unit. The signal whose square root is to be computed is input pressure A. The value of T is the square root of A. That is,  $T = K\sqrt{A}$ . The device works on a motion balance principle. Increasing input signal A moves the floating link to the left to restrict the pilot nozzle. The restricted nozzle increases the output pressure and moves the output feedback bellows upward until balance is restored. Since the length of the floating link is fixed, then  $\cos \theta = 1 - (X/L)$ . A plot of output displacement Y (=  $\theta L$  for small values of  $\theta$ , in radians) vs input displacement X shows the relationship to be virtually an exact square root.

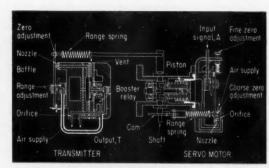


FIG. 9. FUNCTION GENERATOR.

The function generator in Figure 9 contains a cam-characterized servomotor and a linear force-balance transmitter. A change in input signal affects nozzle back pressure, moving the piston and rotating the cam shaft until the characterized cam

reaches a position where the resultant range-spring force balances the input force. The linear force transmitter provides an output proportional to the angular rotation of the shaft. The input-output relationship, therefore, follows the cam characteristic.

### I. LOGIC FUNCTIONS

Four logic functions, AND, OR, NOT, and MEMORY, can be obtained with analog pneumatic computing units:

AND—The low pressure selector, Figure 10, provides the logic AND function. Here, output pressure T appears only when signal A and B are present at their input ports.

OR—High pressure selector, Figure 11, forms an OR unit. An output appears if either signal A or B

is present.

NOT—The reverse acting high gain relay (on-off controller), Figure 12, provides the NOT function: an output signal is present when there is no input; if there is an input there will be no output. As the input signal acts on the bellows and overcomes the spring force, the pilot valve closes off the supply pressure and vents the output. With no input, the pilot valve permits the supply to pass to the output. (The same basic relay, with direct pilot action, forms a single-input AND unit.)

MEMORY—Figure 13 combines an OR unit and a single-input AND unit to provide memory. With input A at zero, there is no output T. When an input signal appears it is transmitted through the OR unit and actuates the single-input AND unit. Output T then appears, and through the action of the OR unit holds in the AND unit even if the original input disappears. The stored signal can be discharged by venting the feedback line.

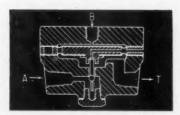


FIG. 10. LOW PRESSURE SELECTOR.

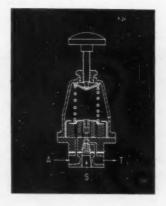
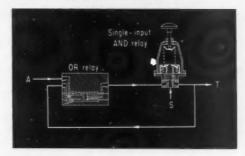


FIG. 12. HIGH GAIN RELAY.

### FIG. 13. PNEUMATIC MEMORY.



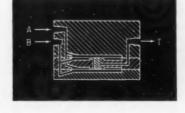


FIG. 11. HIGH PRESSURE. SELECTOR.

### J. FUNCTION LIMITING

Often constraints must be placed on such variables as flow rate, temperature, and pressure. The relays in Figures 10 and 11 offer signal limiting. The low pressure selector, Figure 10, transmits the lesser of the two input signals. Therefore, for instance, when a pressure equivalent to the high limit of the variable is connected to input A, the output

will be that of input B unless it exceeds input A, in which case the output then equals the limit pressure A. Thus, the low pressure selector relay acts as a high limit relay.

The high-pressure relay, Figure 11, transmits the higher of the two input signals through the action of its dual differential diaphragm. As a function limiter, it forms a low limit relay.

### USING PNEUMATIC ANALOG DEVICES FOR COMPUTING AND OPTIMIZING

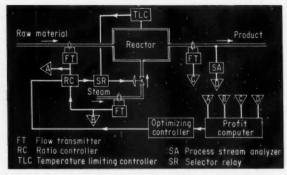


FIG. 14. REACTOR PNEUMATIC COMPUTING CONTROL.

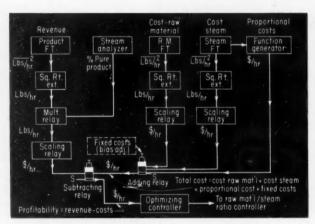


FIG. 15. PROFIT COMPUTER.

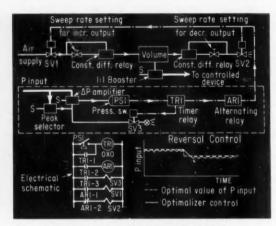


FIG. 16. CONTINUOUS SWEEP OPTIMIZING.

The chemical reactor in Figure 14 represents a process that can be operated for maximum profit by an optimizing and computing scheme employing many of the pneumatic analog devices described previously. Here, orifices meter raw material, steam, and product flows, and a stream analyzer measures percent product purity. Signals from these four variables are transmitted to a profit computer. The profit signal is the input to the optimizer controller whose output adjusts the setpoint of the ratio controller that fixes the necessary proportion of steam flow to raw material flow. The optimizer maintains profit at the maximum obtainable for existing operating conditions subject to a temperature limit constraint.

Figure 15 details the profit computer. Here,

Profit = Revenue — Total cost Revenue is determined by taking the square root of the differential pressure signal representing product flow, multiplying this linearized flow signal by the signal from the stream analyzer (giving equivalent pounds of pure product), and scaling this over-all signal to convert it to dollars/hour. Likewise, total cost—as shown in the figure—is the sum of cost of raw material. cost of steam, varying operating cost (a function of steam flow), and fixed operating cost. The cost-totalizing adding relay output signal and the revenue rate signal go to a subtracting relay which then computes dollars profit per hour. The profit signal is the input to the optimizing controller.

The operating point for maximum profit shifts with operating conditions. The optimizing controller, Figure 16, is one way of automatically manipulating the steam flow to raw material flow ratio to obtain the maximum profit determined by the profit computer for the existing conditions.

Optimizer operation is indicated by the plot in the figure. The output of the optimizing controller increases and decreases continuously at a constant sweep rate. Should the computed profit decrease, as shown, the optimizer output reverses to adjust the steam flow to raw material flow ratio.

The optimizer contains a volume chamber and a 1:1 booster relay, with a means for admitting air into the chamber to increase the pressure or out of it to decrease pressure. Reversal controls open either solenoid SV2 to control direction of sweep, and the setting of the needle valves on the constant-differential-pressure

controllers determine sweep rate.

The peak selector in the reversal control section is a memory unit that stores the maximum signal value transmitted by the profit computer. This peak value becomes the reference against which a differential pressure switch continuously compares the peak with the existing profit value.

Suppose SVI is open causing the optimizer output to increase which calls in turn for an increase in steam to raw material flow ratio. As long as the profitability keeps increasing, the optimizer keeps changing the ratio in this same direction.

Eventually, since a peak profit point exists, the ratio will increase so far that now the profit decreases. The pressure switch in the reversal section automatically senses the profit decrease and initiates reversal of the control action by closing SV1 and opening SV2. Because of reversal, the optimizer decreases the steam to raw material flow ratio and operation goes back in the direction of maximum profit. Thus the process hovers around the computed maximum profit.

Based on a presentation at the Sixteenth Annual Symposium on Instrumentation for the Process Industries, Texas A&M College, January, 1961.

# How Much Torque from DC Dynamic Braking?

THE GIST: A squirrel-cage induction motor can be stopped by disconnecting the ac supply and applying dc to the stator windings. Current is induced in the rotor conductors as they cut the constant dc field and braking torque develops. To find out how long it will take to stop a given inertia it is necessary to know the variation of braking torque with speed for various values of dc excitation. The author shows how to calculate braking torque, using the standard induction motor equivalent circuit and a simple graphical technique, and confirms the method with tests on a typical induction motor.

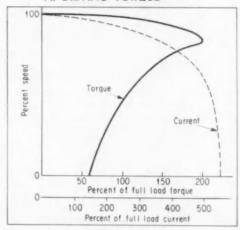
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The driving and braking speed-torque curves for a squirrel-cage induction motor with dc dynamic braking are contrasted in Figure 1. When three-phase ac is applied to the stator windings in a normal manner, a rotating magnetic field is set up in the air gap. This rotating field cuts the rotor conductors, inducing current in these windings, and developing driving torque. Slip is maximum when the rotor is standing still and zero at synchronous speed. Driving torque increases with speed to a peak and then also decreases to zero at synchronous speed when the rotor and the rotating magnetic field are moving at the same speed.

In contrast, the speed-torque curve for dc dynamic braking is similar in shape but inverted with respect to speed. Direct current applied to the stator windings sets up a stationary magnetic field in the air gap with alternate north and south poles fixed in space around the periphery of the stator bore. Slip with respect to the stationary field is maximum when the rotor is turning at synchronous speed and decreases to zero as the rotor slows down and stops. Braking torque increases to a peak as speed decreases and then drops to zero at standstill. In the driven condition the ac stator current decreases with increasing speed, while in the braking mode the dc stator current is constant throughout the speed range.

Just as it is necessary to know the driving speedtorque curve to determine the accelerating characteristics of a motor-load combination, so it is necessary to know the braking torque curve to make sure that the braking characteristics meet specifica-

### A. DRIVING TORQUE



### B. BRAKING TORQUE

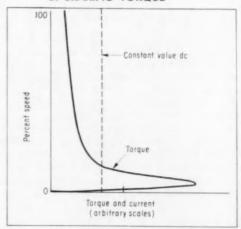


FIG. 1. Typical speed-torque-current curves for a squirrel-cage induction motor.

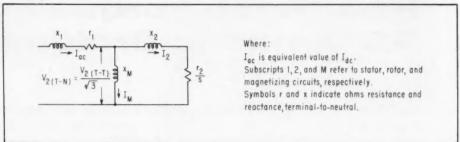


FIG. 2. Equivalent circuit is standard for polyphase induction motors.

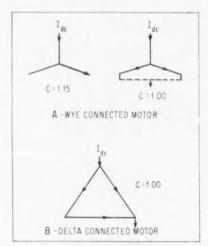


FIG. 3. Various ways of applying braking dc to wye or delta connected stator windings. C is defined in Equation 1.

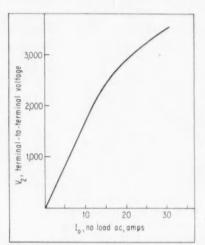


FIG. 4. Saturation curve for motor used in calculations. Variation of magnetizing reactance with terminal voltage causes deviation from a straight line.

tions. The following shows how to calculate the braking torque for various speeds and dc values using an equivalent circuit and graphical construction techniques.

### Using the equivalent circuit for dc

The standard equivalent circuit of Figure 2 is normally used to calculate the driving speed-torque curves of polyphase induction motors operating on ac. Knowing the stator resistance and reactance  $(r_1 \text{ and } x_1)$ , rotor resistance and reactance  $(r_2 \text{ and } x_2)$ , and magnetizing reactance  $(x_M)$ , the motor current, torque, and other variables can be calculated from the equivalent circuit for assumed values of slip and applied ac line voltage. But these are ac network calculations; to use the equivalent circuit to determine dynamic braking torque with dc excitation, the direct current  $I_{dc}$  must be expressed as an equivalent alternating current  $I_{ac}$ . Thus,

$$I_{ac} = \frac{CI_{dc}}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{1}$$

where the constant C depends on the method of connecting the stator winding to the dc supply. Figure 3 shows the various possibilities.

As expressed by Equation 1, a constant braking current  $I_{do}$  yields a constant equivalent  $I_{ac}$ . The only way to keep  $I_{ac}$  constant when slip s is varied in the equivalent circuit is to vary the ac terminal voltage. But varying the ac voltage also varies the magnetizing reactance  $x_M$ . This problem is surmounted by using a no-load saturation curve for obtaining the proper value of  $x_M$ .

Thus, by expressing the dc braking current in equivalent ac terms and varying the ac terminal voltage to maintain a constant value of  $I_{ac}$ , the equivalent circuit of Figure 2 can be used for dynamic braking calculations.

### An example shows how

To see how the technique works, consider the problem of determining the dc dynamic braking torque for a 157 hp, 1,200 rpm, 2,200 volt, 38 amps full load, three phase, 60 cycle, squirrel-cage induc-

tion motor. The calculated values of the motor constants needed for equivalent circuit computations are:

 $r_1 = 1.034$  ohms, stator resistance, terminal-to-neutral

value  $x_1 = 3.44$  ohms, stator reactance, terminal-to-neutral at

 $r_2 = 0.72$  ohms, rotor resistance, terminal-to-neutral in stator terms

 $x_2 = 3.46$  ohms, rotor reactance, terminal-to-neutral in stator terms at 60 cycles

As mentioned above, the magnetizing reactance x<sub>M</sub> varies since it depends on the stator applied voltage. To determine the changing values of x<sub>M</sub> under this condition, plot a no-load, three phase, 60 cycle saturation curve by running the motor at no load, 60 cycles and measuring motor current for different values of applied ac voltage. For each voltage applied during the test the stator reactance drop may be arithmetically subtracted:

$$V - \sqrt{3} I_0 x_1 = V_2$$
 terminal-to-terminal volts

where V= applied ac voltage, terminal-to-terminal  $I_o=$  current with voltage V applied

 $V_2 = \sqrt{3}$  times voltage across  $x_M$  of equivalent circuit

The saturation curve shown in Figure 4 is then obtained by plotting V2 vs Io for the motor under consideration. Magnetizing reactance x<sub>M</sub> can be graphically calculated from this curve.

To carry through a typical calculation, determine the braking torque at 24 rpm, with a dc braking current of 47 amps applied to the stator windings in the two terminal wye configuration of Figure 3A (C = 1.15). The equivalent alternating current from Equation 1 is

$$I_{ac} = \frac{1.15(47)}{\sqrt{2}} = 38.2 \text{ amps}$$

and the slip referred to synchronous speed is 24/1,200, or 0.02.

According to the equivalent circuit of Figure 2, the circuit current Iac is the vector sum of the magnetizing and rotor currents,

$$I_{ac} = I_2 + I_M \text{ (vector sum)}$$
 (2)

and the current in each branch circuit can be expressed as follows:

Magnetizing circuit current = 
$$I_M = \frac{V_2}{j\sqrt{3}x_M}$$
 (3)

so that  $I_M$  lags  $V_2$  by 90 deg  $(I_M \angle 90)$ ;

Rotor circuit current = 
$$I_2 = \frac{V_2}{\sqrt{3} Z_2}$$
 (4)

where  $Z_2 = \text{rotor impedance in ohms}$   $Z_2 = r_2/s - jx_2 = 36 - j3.46$ 

so that I2 lags V2 by the phase angle between r2/s and  $x_2$ , in this case 5.5 deg  $(I_2 \angle 5.5)$ .

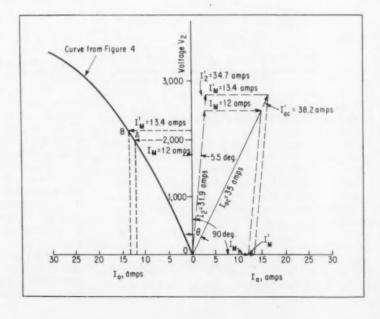
From Equation 2, the vector sum of the two branch circuit currents is

$$I_{ac} = I_2 \angle 5.5 - I_M \angle 90 = 38.2 \angle \theta$$

By redrawing the curve of Figure 4, as shown in Figure 5, the vector addition can be done graphically in the following manner:

1. Assume any value of V2, say 2,000 volts. For this value the magnetizing current at point A on the curve in Figure 5 is  $I_M = 12$  amps. Plot  $I_M$ on the horizontal axis of Figure 5, lagging V<sub>2</sub> by 90 deg as required by Equation 3. Now calculate the rotor current for  $V_2=2,000$  volts from Equation 4 and plot the result  $I_2=31.9$  amps, lagging V<sub>2</sub> by 5.5 deg. Add I<sub>M</sub> and I<sub>2</sub> graphically to obtain a value of  $I_{ac} = 35$  amps. This is smaller than the

FIG. 5. Graphical step in calculation of dynamic braking torque. Availability of no-load saturation curve and the use of vector addition makes it easy to successively approximate correct value of Iac. Usually two steps are sufficient.



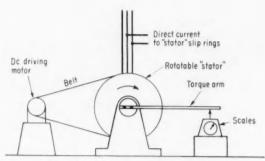


FIG. 6. Test for measuring dynamic braking torque uses special motor.

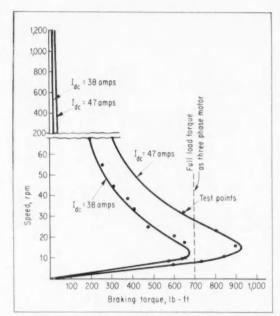


FIG. 7. Correspondence of calculated curve and test-obtained points shows accuracy of method.

required value of 38.2, so a larger value of  $\mathrm{V}_2$  must be assumed.

2. Try a value of  $V_2 = 2,175$  volts. Now  $I_{M'}$  is read from the curve as 13.4 amps and rotor current  $I_{2'}$  is calculated from Equation 4 to be 34.7 amps. Plotting these at the proper phase angles and adding graphically gives the desired  $I_{ac'}$  of 38.2 amps.

Braking torque can then be calculated from the following expression:

$$T = \frac{21.1I_2^2 r_2/s}{N_s} \text{ lb-ft}$$
 (5)

where  $N_s$  = synchronous speed, so that, for this case,

$$T = \frac{21.1(34.7)^2 (36)}{1.200} = 760 \text{ lb-ft}$$

The same procedure can be followed to determine braking torques for other speeds and for other values of dc braking current.

Approximate values of  $I_2$  can be obtained by extrapolating  $I_{ac}$  to the correct value after the first try and graphically subtracting an approximate value of  $I_M$  from  $I_{ac}$ . The accuracy of this approximation depends on the closeness of the first try and the amount of variation of  $x_M$  (or, in other words, the deviation of the saturation curve from zero-based linearity up to the point of interest).

### Tests confirm calculations

To check the accuracy of the calculations, tests were run on a special version of the motor considered here. Electrically the test motor was the same, but mechanically it was constructed with a rotating "stator" having its own bearings and slip rings to conduct current to the stator windings. For dynamic braking torque tests the stator was belt driven by a separate dc motor, Figure 6. Thus, the stator was driven at the proper speed (for the previous calculations, 24 rpm) while the torque arm on the rotor and the scale held the rotor at stand-still and measured the braking torque.

Calculated and test-obtained data are compared in Figure 7 for dc braking currents of 47 and 38 amps. The curves obtained by calculation and the points obtained by test show a close correspondence.

### Factors influencing stopping time

Reduced stopping time can be achieved by reducing the inertia of the rotating parts or by increasing the braking torque. In some cases, inertia can be decreased by improving the mechanical drive system beyond the motor or by using high temperature rated motors or motors designed specifically for low inertia and high response. But if inertia is fixed, only increased braking torque will help.

Up to a certain point, dynamic braking torque increases with an increase in dc excitation to the stator. However, large values of dc may be accompanied by high magnetic saturation in the motor, appreciably decreasing the magnetizing reactance  $x_M$  and shunting a large proportion of the dynamic braking current through the magnetizing branch circuit of Figure 2. Therefore, large values of dc may not produce a significant increase in braking torque.

An important factor that must not be overlooked is the time required to switch from ac to dc. A 600 rpm induction motor will rotate five revolutions if control transfer from ac to dc takes a 30 cycle interval. If the motor and drive must stop in nine revolutions, then dynamic braking must stop the inertia in four. If the transfer time is reduced to 15 cycles, the motor only rotates  $2\frac{1}{2}$  revolutions and the dynamic braking allowance is raised to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  revolutions. Therefore, it is evident that minimizing transfer time is a must.

# How Industry Sees Microminiaturization

A company surveyed a cross section of industry to sample reactions to 16 techniques for microminiaturization. The replies foresee phenomenal growth for both modular and molecular techniques.

The sampling attempts to determine preferences based on such factors as:

- Inherent reliability
- Inherent design flexibility
- Practicality with regard to cost
- Adaptability to automatic production

The author also estimates when these techniques will have their greatest impact.

TABLE I MICROMINIATURIZATION TECHNIQUES\*

NAME	SUPPLIER	STATUS
HIGH DENSITY PACKAGINI		
1. AMP MECA	AMP, Inc.	Commercial production
2. Macro-Module	Burroughs Corp.	Engineering samples
3. Cordwood technique		
Weld Paks	Raytheon Mfg. Co.	Commercial production
Dice	Republic Aircraft Corp.	
MiniWeld	Francis Associates with Sippican Corp.	
(No trade name)	Bendix Corp. (Radio Div.)	
(No trade name)	Litton Industries	
MICROMODULES		
4. Micromodule system	RCA	R&D
5. TIMM system	General Electric	R&D
6. Microelectronics	Semiconductor Div.	R&D
(dot circuitry)	Hughes Aircraft	
7. UCA technique	P. R. Mallory Co.	Resistors and capacitors commercially available
8. Microminiature module	s Sylvania Products Corp.	R&D
9. Ceramic-based	Sprague Electric Co.	R&D
microcircuits		
10. MICRAM	Cleveland Metal Specialties, Inc.	Military production
11. Microcircuits	Hi Q Div., Aerovox Corp.	R&D
12. Mu circuitry	International	Commercial production
	Resistance Co.	of NOR unit, others R&D
13. Thin film technique	Varo Mfg. Co.; Motorola; Servomechanisms; IBM	R&D
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS		
14. Solid circuits	Texas Instruments	Commercial production
15. SemiNets (micrologic)	The state of the s	R&D
16. Molecular electronics		R&D Engineering samples available of 18

<sup>&</sup>quot;Not a complete listing. Techniques are those included in the author's survey.

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There is little question that microminiaturization will play a large role in the expanding electronics market during the next 10 years. To determine how large this role might be, The P. R. Mallory Co. sent a questionnaire to over 300 companies asking their views on some key questions about microminiaturization. Ninety-eight of the companies replied. In addition, 250 engineers, scientists, purchasing agents, and marketing analysts working in miniaturization were questioned in person. From this study the following predictions can be made:

1. By 1965, the microminiaturization market will expand by a factor of 10, to an estimated \$120 million per year.

2. By 1980 the market for molecular electronics will expand to an estimated \$14 billion—representing 85 percent of the total microminiaturization market.

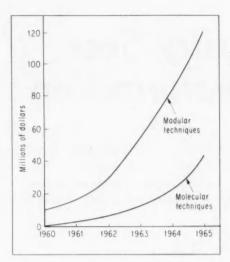
3. By 1970 military applications will account for 55 percent of the microminiaturization market; commercial applications—industrial and consumer—will use the remainder. Twenty percent of all electronic equipment will be miniaturized by 1970.

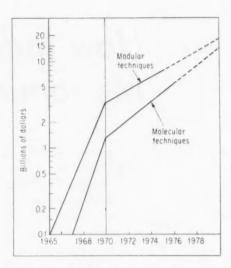
4. The greatest potential for inherent reliability is possessed by the technique that incorporates a circuit function in semiconductor material, such as molecular electronics.

Most inherent design flexibility is possessed by that high density packaging technique in which components are packaged as standard pellets and then inserted in the proper holes of a circuit board.

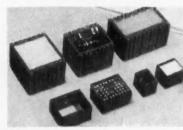
6. The miniaturization technique with the great-

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### GUIDE TO 16 MICROMINIATURIZATION TECHNIQUES



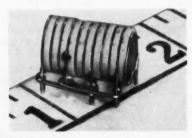
### 1. AMP MECA SYSTEM

A technique for high density packaging of conventional components, or so-called integrated circuits (see techniques no. 14 to 16); its name comes from Maintainable Electronic Component Assemblies, and subassemblies built this way are said to allow component maintenance. Components, circuits, or devices are stacked vertically in plastic cells which are built into subassemblies with plastic programmed circuit boards. Each cell has two ribbed sides; each side contains one spring contact that has two points of contact, at the top and at the bottom—a total of four contacts per cell. Two parallel programmed circuit boards—each can carry as many as nine conductor lines—and spacers form rigid three dimensional structure to house cells. Rib contacts inserted at proper locations connect cells to form subassembly. Supplier: AMP Inc., Harrisburg, Pa. Status: commercially available.



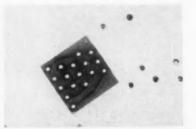
### 2. BURROUGHS MACRO-MODULE

A high density packaging technique in which circuits are mounted on triangular plastic chips which have 24 pins along one edge for connection. The circuit laden chips are inserted, one behind the other, into a plastic or metal sleeve which is then filled with an encapsulent. To assemble a subsystem, four sleeves are placed side by side, hinged, and then folded to form a rectangular box. Using microcomponents, Burroughs has mounted two flip-flops, containing 54 components, on a single chip, is currently building an airborne digital differential analyzer with 3,000 components (averaging 32 components per chip). Supplier: Burroughs Corp. Research Laboratories, Paoli, Pa. Status: demonstrating feasibility.



### 5. GE TIMM SYSTEM

The TIMM (Thermionic Integrated Micromodule) package relies on small heaterless vacuum tubes. Components (including vacuum tube diodes and triodes) are made as discs or rings from ceramic, titanium, and carbon, and stacked into a cylindrical package. The cylinder is exhausted and the vacuum sealed in. There are no heater circuits; components generate enough heat to sustain tube operation. Components have high resistance to nuclear radiation. Supplier: G.E. Status: R&D.



### 6. HUGHES MICROELECTRONICS

Components such as diodes, transistors, resistors, and capacitors are packaged into tiny standardized cans of 0.050 in. in diam and 0.030 in. high. The cans are mounted on a Fotoceram circuit board, perforated according to a drawing. One problem still to be solved is the development of leadless components. Experimental diodes and transistors have been built. Supplier: Hughes Aircraft. Status: research.

est capability of being used, considering cost versus reliability, is the cordwood technique in which components are stacked horizontally like firewood.

7. Most useful technique:

in 1960-1965 cordwood technique

in 1965-1970 thin films

in 1970-1975 molecular electronics

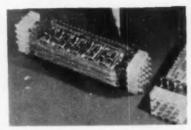
For the purposes of this survey, only 16 miniaturization techniques were considered: those listed in Table I and described in the Guide to Miniaturization Techniques below. This list is not all-inclusive; modification of some of these techniques have been proposed and are under evaluation. In this survey, the companies were asked about the specific techniques rather than a group or classification of

techniques, because it has been difficult to organize the approaches to miniaturization in categories.

A rough classification with some validity does emerge from this study: what might be called modular techniques versus molecular electronic ones. Molecular electronic techniques are those in which an integrated circuit or junction is built into a single piece of material or a crystal. Modular techniques include high density packaging and micromodule techniques. Molecular electronics seems the most promising technique.

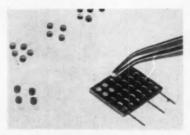
### Market estimates

One main purpose of the study was to estimate the potential market for microminiaturization. The



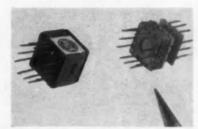
### 3. CORDWOOD TECHNIQUE

A method of assembling components in which the components are stacked side by side (like cordwood) between printed circuit boards to increase the density through a reduction of the valume required for interconnection. The method is frequently limited to a component whose leads run parallel to its axes. The leads are soldered or welded to printed wiring or ribbon leads attached to the base material. Welding, particularly resistance welding, appears to be gaining popularity to make connections because the short heating cycle does not damage closely packed components. Suppliers: Raytheon Mfg. Co. (Weld Paks), Waltham, Mass; Bendix Corp., Radio Div., Baltimore, Md.; Republic Aviation Corp. (Dice), Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y.; Francis Associates and Sipplican Corp. (MiniWeld), Marion, Mass.; Litton Industries, Monrovia, Calif. Status: in production, available commercially.



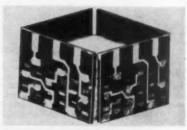
### 7. MALLORY'S UCA TECHNIQUE

A somewhat similar approach to Hughes Microelectronics, Mallory's Unitized Component Assembly uses components in the form of pellets 0.100 to 0.0250 in. in diameter and about 1/16 in. thick. These plug into holes in a 1/16 in. thick circuit board. Units available to date include resistors, capacitors, and silicon rectifiers. Supplier: P. R. Mallory & Co. Inc., Indianapolis 6, Ind. Status: engineering samples available.



### 4. RCA MICROMODULE SYSTEM

One or more components deposited or mounted on a square ceramic wofer, called a microelement, 0.020 in. on a side and about 0.01 in. thick. Each edge of the square has three notches which are metallized with solder pads attached for connection. To build a subassembly, several microelements are stacked one on top of another, with connection made by soldering riser wires to the solder pad of the wafers. The stacked system is encapsulated. Microelements developed to date include resistors (10 to 100 kilohms), capacitors, inductors, transistors, and diades. Supplier: RCA is prime contractor for a Signal Corps project that involves a large number of participating companies. Status: in research and development stage.



### 8. SYLVANIA MICROMINIATURE MODULES

Microminiature components are mounted on the surface of a ceramic wafer 0.440 in. square and 0.010 in. thick. Subsystems and systems are put together by stacking wafers. Objective: a complete function on each ceramic wafer. Each wafer has three tabs on each side. End tabs fit into slits on vertical interconnection boards with painted conductor circuits. No internal wiring. Supplier: Sylvania Electric Products, General Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Status: digital circuits demonstrated.

curves on page 116 tell the story of tremendous predicted growth. The market should increase tenfold by 1965, 30 times by 1970—and these reflect conservative estimates. The total microminiaturization market should reach \$120 million by 1965. Of this amount, about \$100 million will be modular techniques, the rest molecular electronics.

From 1960 to 1965, the market for molecular techniques will be composed primarily of thin film circuitry built for precision military equipment. Growth will be slowed by the high investment required to develop and apply the new design concepts. By 1965, molecular techniques will represent about 18 percent of the total market.

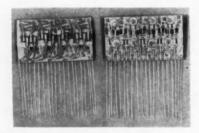
Many equipment manufacturers consider the

modular technique as an interim solution which eventually will be discarded as molecular techniques become practical. Hybrid approaches are also tolerated as a temporary measure. By 1970, however, the major microminiaturization market will be devoted to thin film techniques and semiconductor

TABLE II
GROWTH OF MICROMINIATURIZATION

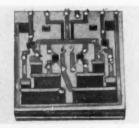
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	1960	1965	1970	1980
The electronics industry	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$40
Electronic equipment subject to microminiaturization	\$ 5	\$10	\$15	\$30
The microminiaturization market	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.5 to \$5	\$25
Percentage of equipment microminiaturized	-	1 to 5	20	85

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### 9. SPRAGUE CERAMIC BASED MICROCIRCUITS

On a ceramic base, into which cavities are cut for uncased semiconductors, Sprague puts a complete circuit or group of stages. As many as 120 components have been included on a single  $2.0 \times 3.7$  in. wafer. The ceramic also serves as capacitor dielectric; resistance is provided by screened resistors. Supplier: Sprague Electric Co., No. Adams, Mass. Status: prototype demonstrated.



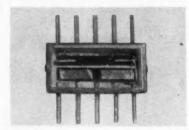
### 13. THIN FILM TECHNIQUE

Metal films are sputtered or vacuum evaporated in Angstrom thicknesses to form conductors, resistors, and/or capacitors. Active components such as transistors are added as separate elements. Big potential lies in ability to deposit multiple layers on a single substrate, but only low voltage circuits can be employed this way at present because of heat dissipation problems. Varo Mfg. Co. has built a thin film circuit package with 104 components, containing four high speed flip-flop circuits in a 0.125 cu in. space. Eventually expect to deposit semiconductor active devices. Suppliers: Varo Mfg. Co.; IBM; Motorola; Servomechanisms, Inc.



### 10. MICRAM

Name stands for Microminiature Individual Component Reliable Assembled Modules. Standard miniaturized components are soldered to ceramic wafers ½ in. square. Interconnections are made by printed wiring or fired lines. Supplier: Cleveland Metal Specialties Co., coordinating this program as a joint venture, including Aerovox Corp., Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., Raytheon Co., Formica Corp., Welrite Products, Inc., and Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. Status: modules are being produced for infrared devices, electronic timing, and fuzing systems for the U. S. Army.



### 14. TI SOLID CIRCUITS

A circuit is made in a block of silicon, % in. square  $\times$  % in. thick by diffusing resistors, mesa transistors, diode function and other components. A reverse-biased PN junction serves as a capacitor, with the depletion region of the junction acting as the dielectric. Inductance cannot be made this way; application has been limited to date to equipments such as flip-flops or multivibrators that need no inductance. Supplier: Texas Instruments. Status: commercial availability of binary flip-flop; other devices under R&D. (Others working along similar lines: RCA, U. S. Army Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratory, and Royal Radar Establishment, England.)

processing. While the total market for microminiaturization grows to \$2 billion by 1970 and \$5 billion by 1980, the share devoted to molecular electronics should grow from 40 percent in 1970 to 55 percent

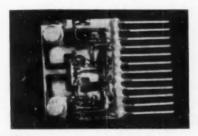
by 1975 and to 75 percent by 1980.

The percentage of microminiaturized equipment is also likely to mushroom. Although it is estimated that only one to five percent of all equipment will be microminiaturized by 1965, the percentage is expected to grow to 85 percent by 1980. Table II summarizes the estimated growth of the electronics industry and microminiaturization.

In 1970 major users of microminiaturization are likely to be suppliers of airborne electronics, missile electronics, computers, space electronics, and communications. It is expected that by 1970 military electronic expenditures will double and the market for industrial electronics quadruple—growth that will increase the opportunities for microminiaturization.

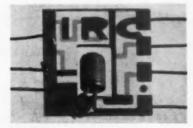
### Technique preferences

Each interviewee was asked to answer seven questions about microminiaturization, rating his preferences on the basis of first choice, second choice, up to as many as 11 choices. To evaluate the replies, points were assigned to each choice. A first choice earned 11 points, a second earned 10, down to a last choice that earned a single point. The users answered some interesting questions, which are reported on page 120.



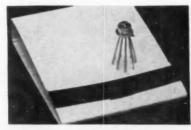
### 11. MICROCIRCUITS

Microminiature components, including screened resistors, are mounted on  $1\times 34$  in. steatite plates. To form a subassembly, the wafers are mounted perpendicular to a base plate. A full adder, containing 85 components in a  $0.5\times 0.625\times 1.0$  in. package has been built. Supplier: Hi-Q Div., Aerovox Corp. Status: research and development.



### 12. Mu CIRCUITRY

Passive units such as resistors are deposited as thin films on a 0.4 in. square glass plate, 0.050 in. thick. First unit commercially available was a transistor NOR unit (price: \$46) made with a conventional transistor. Techniques can employ micro transistors. Supplier: International Resistor Co. Status: commercial production of NOR units; others are still in R&D.



### 15. FAIRCHILD MICROLOGIC ELEMENTS (SemiNets)

Flip-flops, gates, adders, shift registers, and buffers are produced on single silicon substrates by diffusion, evaporation, and photo lithographic techniques. The digital devices are then packaged in 8-lead transistor cans— TO-5 and TO-18. Supplier: Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. Status: prototypes have been tested, engineering samples of NOR units available.



### 16. WESTINGHOUSE MOLECULAR ELECTRONICS

One piece systems or subsystems. Properties of a single crystal are modified to achieve a given transfer function. Conventional circuit-concepts cannot be translated into these devices; designers do not think in terms of resistance, capacitance, and inductance. Westinghouse has developed 18 different types of functional blocks using three basic structures: alloyed structures, base diffused structures, and double-diffused oxidemask structures. Supplier: Westinghouse Electric Corp. Status: engineering samples of the 18 functional blocks are available; R&D. Others working along similar lines include RCA with its Unipolar transistor; Sperry Semiconductor Div. with inverters, NOR circuits, and flip-flops; and Varo Mfg. Co.

### Q. Which technique do you prefer on the basis of inherent reliability?

Ans.	STANDING	TECHNIQUE	NO.	OF	İst	PLACE	VOTES
	1	TI solid state circuits				14	
	2	Westinghouse molecular electronics				21	
	3	Cordwood technique				13	
	4	Thin film technique				7	
	5	Solid state micrologic units				7	
	6	RCA micromodule system				2	
Q.	Which techni	que do you prefer on the basis of	inho	rent	des	ian fle	vibility?

Ans.	STANDING	TECHNIQUE	NO.	OF	İst	PLACE	VOTES
	1	Cordwood technique				33	
	2	Mallory UCA technique				8	
	3	Hughes dot circuitry				15	
	4	RCA micromodule				5	
	5	MICRAM				7	
	6	Thin film technique				6	

Q. Which technique do you prefer on the basis of practicability with regard to cost versus reliability?

Ans.	STANDING	TECHNIQUE	NO.	OF	İst	PLACE	VOTES
	1	Cordwood technique				22	
	2	Mallory UCA technique				13	
	3	RCA micromodule system				9	
	4	Hughes dot circuitry				10	
	5	Aerovox microcircuits				9	
	6	Thin film technique				4	

Q. How do you rank the various methods with respect to adaptability for automatic production?

Ans.	STANDING	TECHNIQUE	NO.	OF	İst	PLACE	VOTES
	1	RCA micromodule system				7	
	2	Mallory UCA technique				3	
	3	Thin film technique				9	
	4	Hughes dot circuitry				10	
	5	TI solid state circuits				7	
	6	Fairchild sclid state micrologic eleme	ents			6	

Q. How do you rank the various methods with respect to capability of inter-connecting individual components and/or circuit modules?

Ans.	STANDING	TECHNIQUE	NO.	OF	İst	PLACE	VOTES
	1	Cordwood technique				25	
	2	Mallory UCA technique				7	
	3	Hughes dot circuitry				8	
	4	RCA micromodule system				3	
	5	TI solid state circuits				6	
	6	Thin film technique				8	

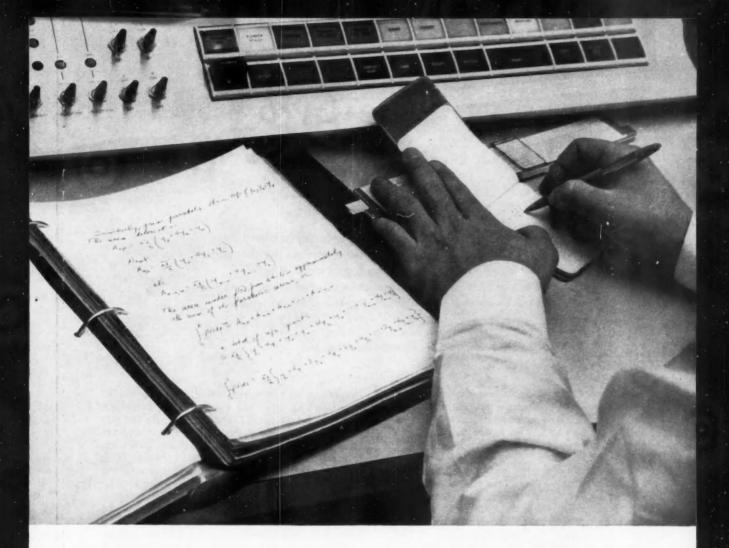
Q. Which technique do you prefer on the basis of practicability to form completed equipments, particularly considering heat dissipation?

Ans.	STANDING	TECHNIQUE	NO.	OF	İst	PLACE	VOTES
	1	Cordwood technique				12	
	2	Mallory UCA technique				10	
	3	Hughes dot circuitry				9	
	4	Burroughs Macro-Module				11	
	5	RCA micromodule system				7	
	6	Thin film technique				9	

Q. How do you rank these techniques on over-all usefulness to your company during the four time periods indicated?

Ans.	STANDING	1960-'61	1962-'65	1965-'70	1970-'75
	1	Cordwood technique	Cordwood technique	Thin film technique	Molecular electronics
	2	Mallory UCA technique	Hughes dot circuitry	Molecular electronics	TI solid state circuits
	3	Hughes dot circuitry	Mallory UCA technique	TI solid state circuits	Thin film technique
	4	RCA micromodule system	Thin film technique	Fairchild solid state micro- logic elements	Fairchild solid state micro- logic elements
	5	Thin film technique	TI solid state circuits	Hughes dot circuitry	Hughes dot circuitry
	6	AMP MECA systems	RCA micromodule system	Mallory UCA technique	IRC Mu circuitry
	7	IRC Mu circuitry	IRC Mu circuitry	RCA micromodule system	Cordwood technique
	8	MICRAM	Fairchild solid state micro- logic elements	IRC Mu circuitry	RCA micromodule system
	9	TI solid state circuits	MICRAM	Cordwood technique	Mallory UCA technique
	10	Aerovox microcircuits	Sylvania microminiature modules	Sprague ceramic-based microcircuits	GE TIMM system

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# Two vs Three-Gyro Guidance Platforms-II SERVO SYSTEM DYNAMICS

THE GIST: In this second half of his article on gyro platforms for inertial guidance applications, author Fischel reviews the dynamics of the servo systems associated with each gyro axis. He also discusses angular oscillations as an additional error source, and tabulates the major differences in instrumenting the two platform types.

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In the first part of this article the two principal types of guidance platforms were compared, and the responses of each to various accelerations and mass shifts were tabulated. This second part takes a look at the servo systems used with each type and the dynamics involved.

Servo systems of the two platform types are shown in Figure 1. Table I defines the symbols used. Both systems consist of the same chain of components, viz., preamplifier  $(K_1)$ ; demodulator, lead-lag networks, and modulator (N); power amplifier  $(K_2)$ ; and torque motor  $(T_M)$  with its gear box. A highly sensitive inductive type of pickoff attached to the gimbal of each gyro generates the error signal.

In the servo loop, the error signal is amplified, demodulated, and then fed to the compensating networks where the correct phase and amplitude relationship, over the necessary frequency range, is established. It is then remodulated, further amplified, and applied to the torque motor which delivers its torque through the gearing to the gimbal frame. The loop is closed as this torque nulls out the error signal. At this point, the two systems differ widely.

In the two-degree-of-freedom arrangement used on the two-gyro platform, the gyro is completely isolated from the gimbal frame. Any deviation of this frame with respect to the gyro's gimbal is sensed by the corresponding pickoff and transmitted as an error signal. It is amplified and fed to the torque motor, whose torque accelerates the gimbal frame in a direction to reduce the error and bring the two gimbals back into coincidence. As may be seen in Figure 1B, the dynamics of the gyro are not involved in the loop. The gyro provides a reference attitude only, but does not contribute anything to the stabilization torque of the system.

In the three-gyro platform each single-degree-of-

freedom gyro is mounted directly on the gimbal frame with its input axis parallel to the frame axis that is to be stabilized (Figure 1A). Only the output axis of the gyro is free. Therefore, under the effect of an arbitrary inserted torque the gyro starts to precess to prevent deviation of the frame. This effect can be considered a prestabilization of the frame by the gyros, without the servo system. The deviation of the frame could be considered zero if the damping around the precession axis could be kept to zero and if the disturbing torque could be kept small enough or the angular momentum large enough to prevent the gyro from precessing beyond its limits. This, of course, is not possible. The frame deviates slightly and the gyro reaches the stops of its output axis. Consequently, a servo system that operates on the error signal obtained from the precession angle of the gyro is required. This signal is fed to the torque motor which torques the gimbal and causes the gyro to precess back to its zero position. The interaction of the gyro with the servo system can be seen in the block diagram of Figure 1A. The system has a major and minor loop with the latter closed around the gyro.

### SYSTEM DYNAMICS

Behavior of the servo systems will be described by means of their differential equations and transfer functions. These are set up on the basis of the schematic and block diagrams in Figure 1. They have been linearized, and the terms for coulomb friction, backlash, nonlinear amplifiers, etc., have been neglected. In a design analysis, however, these must be taken into account.

### Servo system for three-gyro platform

The torques around the  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  axes are given by

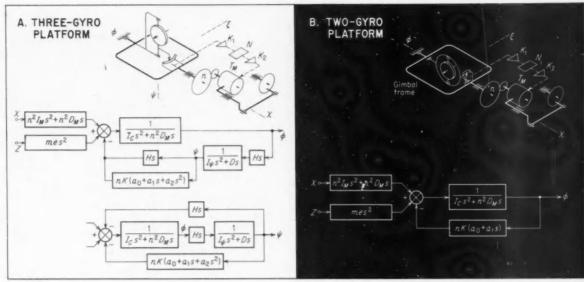


FIG. 1. Servo system and block diagram for a single axis of the two types of platforms.

$$\begin{split} I_{\phi} \frac{d^3\phi}{dt^2} + n^2 I_M \left( \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2\chi}{dt^2} \right) + n^2 D_M \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} - \frac{d\chi}{dt} \right) \\ + H \frac{d\psi}{dt} + T_M = me \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \end{split} \tag{1}$$

and 
$$I_{\Psi} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dt^2} + D \frac{d\psi}{dt} - H \frac{d\phi}{dt} = 0$$
 (2)

A simplified equation governing the torque motor is

$$nK\left(a_0\psi + a_1\frac{d\psi}{dt} + a_2\frac{d^2\psi}{dt^2}\right) = T_M \tag{3}$$

This simplification should be justified since it is applied to both systems. The complete function would include expressions for the demodulator, modulator, and the lead-lag networks, which are used in the actual system. Inclusion of these items, however, would extend the investigation unnecessarily, since the networks can be designed to perform in accordance with Equation 3 in the operation frequency range.

If  $T_M$  is eliminated between Equations 1 and 3, the following relationship exists, where  $I_c = (I_* + n^2 I_M)$ :

$$I_c \frac{d^3\phi}{dt^2} + n^2 D_M \frac{d\phi}{dt} + nKa_2 \frac{d^2\psi}{dt^2} + (H + nKa_1) \frac{d\psi}{dt} + nKa_0$$

$$= n^2 I_M \frac{d^2 \chi}{dt^2} + n^2 D_M \frac{d\chi}{dt} + me \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}$$
 (4)

Solving Equation 4 with Equation 2 for  $\psi$  yields  $IJ_{\psi} \frac{d^{n}\psi}{da^{n}} + (I_{\psi} n^{n} D_{M} + I_{o} D + HnKa_{2}) \frac{d^{n}\psi}{da^{n}}$ 

$$+(n^2 D_M D + H (H + nKa_1) \frac{d\psi}{dt} + HnKa_0$$

$$= \left(n^2 I_M \frac{d^3 \chi}{dt^2} + n^2 D_M \frac{d\chi}{dt} + me \frac{d^3 z}{dt^2}\right) H \qquad (5)$$

The left-hand members of this equation charac-

### TABLE I-NOMENCLATURE

Symbol	EXPLANATION	Dimensions
φ, θ	Angles of gimbal frame referred to horizon	radians
4	Gyro angle around precession axis	radians
x	Aircraft roll angle	radians
44	Aircraft pitch angle The capital letters $\Phi$ , $\Theta$ , $\Psi$ , $X$ , $\Xi$ are the amplitudes of $\phi$ , $\theta$ , $\psi$ , $\chi$ , and $\xi$	radians
$I_{\psi}$	Moment of inertia of gyro around precession axis	gr-cm <sup>2</sup>
$I_{\phi}$	Moment of inertia of gyro and gimbal frame around $\phi$ -axis	gr-cm <sup>2</sup>
$I_M$	Moment of inertia of torque motor armature	gr-cm <sup>2</sup>
$I_c$	Moment of inertia of gyro, gimbal frame, and motor armature (in single-degree-of-freedom gyro)	gr-cm <sup>2</sup>
$I_g$	Moment of inertia of gimbal frame and motor rotor (in two-degree-of-freedom gyro)	
M	Mass of the platform	gr
e	Mass shift	em
Z	Coordinate of platform system normal to $e$ and the gimbal axis in question	none
H	Angular momentum of gyro	gr-cm <sup>2</sup> /sec
D	Viscous damping coefficient of gyro precession axis	dyne-cm-sec
$D_M$	Viscous damping coefficient of torque motor (main part taken from steady- state torque-speed curve $\partial T/\partial (\text{rpm})$ )	
$T_M$	Torque applied by torque motor	dyne-cm
n	Gear ratio	none
$a_0$	Control coefficient of angle	none
$a_1$	Control coefficient of rate	sec
$a_2$	Control coefficient of rate of rate	sec <sup>2</sup>
K	Torque motor coefficient (derived from $K_1 \times G$ (s) $\times K_2 \times T_M$ )	dyne-cm/radiar

terize the undisturbed system; those on the righthand side describe the disturbances. Applying Routh's criterion to this equation, if

$$(I_{\psi}n^{2}D_{M}+I_{c}D+HnKa_{2})\left(n^{2}D_{M}\frac{D}{H}+H+nKa_{1}\right)\geq I_{c}I_{\psi}nKa_{0}$$

then Equation 5 represents a stable system.

Equation 5 will not be evaluated further. It should be noted, however, that the solution of the left-hand side is either three single complex roots or one single complex root and a conjugate pair of complex roots. As will be seen later, the single complex root is negative and the other two roots are, in most cases, a conjugate pair that produce a highly damped oscillation.

The equation describing the minor loop, in which  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ , is

$$I_{e}I_{\psi}\frac{d^{2}\psi}{dt^{2}}+(I_{\psi}n^{2}D_{M}+I_{e}D)\frac{d\psi}{dt}+(n^{2}D_{M}D+H^{2})\psi=0$$
 (6)

The transfer function of  $\phi$  as read from the block diagram for the complete system and for the disturbance

$$n^{2} I_{M} \frac{d^{2} \chi}{d\ell^{2}} + n^{2} D_{M} \frac{d \chi}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\Phi}{X} (s) = \frac{(n^{2} I_{M} s^{2} + n^{2} D_{M} s) (I_{\Psi} s + D)}{\Delta_{1}}$$
(7)

where

$$\Delta_{1} = I_{c} I_{\psi} s^{3} + (I_{\psi} n^{2} D_{M} + I_{c} D + HnKa_{2}) s^{2} + [n^{2} D_{M} D + H (H + nKa_{1})] s + HnK$$

or, in the o-domain

TABLE II - COMPARISON OF SERVO SYSTEMS

Item	Servo System for Three-Gyro Platform	Servo System for Two-Gyro Platform
System's equation	Third order	Second order
System's natural frequency	(For reference, the two sys- tems oscillate equally) Additional time constant	(For reference, the two sys- tems oscillate equally)
Adjustment of loop	Harder	Easier
Control signal pickoff Gyro gain	On gyro precession axis	On gyro gimbal axis
Pickoff sensitivity to bearing play	Less	More
Preamplifier	Same	Same
Supply for pickoff frequency	Same	Same
Demodulator and remodulator	Same	Same
Phase correcting networks	Double lead	Single lead
Post-amplifier	Same	Same
Torque motor and gears	Same	Possibly stronger or higher
Moment of inertia of platform and gimbals	On the average slightly higher	In azimuth lower, but in roll or pitch not much difference
Static loop stiffness	Same	Same
Dynamic loop stiffness	Same	Same, as long as same motor and gear ratios are used

$$\frac{\Phi}{X}(j\omega) = \frac{-(n^2 I_M \omega^2 - j n^2 D_M \omega)(I_{\psi} j\omega + D)}{\Delta_2} = \frac{A}{\Delta_2} \quad (8)$$

Here  $A = -(n^2 I_M \omega^2 - j n^2 D_M \omega) (I_{\psi} j \omega + D)$ 

and 
$$\Delta_2 = [HnKa_0 - (I_{\psi} \, n^2 \, D_M + I_c \, D + HnKa_2) \, \omega^2] \\ + j \, [n^2 \, D_M \, D + H \, (H + nKa_1) - I_c \, I_{\psi} \, \omega^2] \, \omega$$

The transfer function of  $\phi$  for the disturbance  $me(d^2z/dt^2)$  is

$$\frac{\Phi}{Z}(s) = \frac{mes^2 (I_{\psi}s + D)}{\Delta_1}$$
 (9)

or 
$$\frac{\Phi}{Z}(j\omega) = \frac{me^2(D + jI_{\psi}\omega)}{\Delta_2}$$
 (10)

in the  $\omega$ -domain in which  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  are the same polynomials as above.

The transfer function for  $\psi$  is

$$\frac{\Psi}{X}(s) = \frac{H(n^2 I_M s^2 + n^2 D_M s)}{\Delta_1}$$
or
$$\frac{\Psi}{X}(j\omega) = \frac{-H(n^2 I_M \omega^2 - j n^2 D_M \omega)}{\Delta_2} = \frac{B}{\Delta_2}$$
and
$$\frac{\Psi}{Z}(s) = H \frac{mes^2}{\Delta_1}$$

or 
$$\frac{\Psi}{Z}(j\omega) = -H\frac{me\omega^2}{\Delta_2}$$
 (12)

Equation 8 above indicates that the platform deviates under a constant sinusoidal oscillation because of the damping D and the moment of inertia  $I_{\psi}$  of the gyro. As shown in Equation 11, a pre-

As shown in Equation 11, a precession will occur around the axis. The geared-up motor is responsible for the mass and friction coupling, and a direct-drive motor would eliminate the mass coupling and substantially reduce the friction. The effect of the mass coupling through  $me(d^2z/dt^2)$  can be studied by evaluating Equations 9 and 12. The structure of the gyro cluster and of the gimbals should be rigid to keep the mass shift within limits.

Gear trains are often used to keep the servomotor small and light. Motor and gearing are mounted on a frame immediately outside the gimbal or housing. Under flight conditions this frame can oscillate with respect to the gyro plate, and since the armature of the torque motor is coupled to this plate by gearing, the plate must accelerate and decelerate the armature accordingly. The rotor moment of inertia develops a reaction torque on the gyro plate, and the plate deviates slightly at the frequency of the airframe oscillations. In Figure 1, the

airframe oscillations are simulated by mounting the torque motor on an extra crank driven shaft.

The torque motor has viscous damping as a result of its falling torque-speed characteristic and friction in its bearings, gearing, and slip rings. These effects load up the gyro plate and constitute another cause of oscillatory deviations.

If the gyro plate and its gimbals are not accurately balanced a static mass shift can cause a disturbing torque around the gimbal axes if the platform is subjected to airframe vibrations perpendicular to the direction of the mass shift. Disturbing torques can also arise if the gimbal system is anisoelastic, in which case the mass shift is dynamic.

The single-degree-of-freedom gyro system has two special properties:

 a) Gain of the complete loop consists of two parts, namely, the gain of the electric portion (K<sub>1</sub>, N<sub>1</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>) and the mechanical gain of the gyro. The latter is given by

$$\frac{\Psi}{\Phi} = \frac{H}{D + I_{\psi 8}} \text{ or } \frac{H}{D}$$

if we consider the static gain only.

b) The pickoff moves through an angle that is H/D times larger than the platform angle φ. Consequently, the pickoff can be made less sensitive and the play in precession bearing is less critical than in the two-gyro platform where the control signal must be taken from the smaller angle φ of the gyro.

As will be seen later, the two-gyro servo system requires only a single lead network, whereas the three-gyro system depends on a double lead network which has a higher attenuation factor and requires a slightly higher gain in the amplifiers. But the gyro gain will not be fully compensated by this, and the advantage on the mechanical side is more important than a partial loss on the electrical side.

### Servo system for two-gyro platforms

With reference to Figure 1B, the sum of all the torques around the  $\phi$  axis is expressed as follows:

$$I_{\phi} \frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} + n^2 I_M \left( \frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2 \chi}{dt^2} \right) + n^2 D_M \left( \frac{d \phi}{dt} - \frac{d \chi}{dt} \right)$$

$$+ T_M = me \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} \qquad (13)$$

The torque motor equation has the form

$$T_M = nK \left( a_0 \phi + a_1 \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \dots \right)$$
 (14)

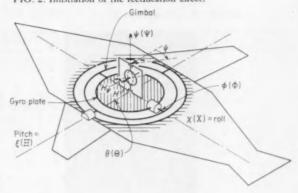
If  $T_M$  is eliminated between these equations we have

$$I_g \frac{d^2\phi}{d\ell^2} + (n^2D_M + nKa_1)\frac{d\phi}{dt} + nKa_0 \phi$$
  
=  $n^2I_M \frac{d^2\chi}{d\ell^2} + n^2D_M \frac{d\chi}{dt} + me \frac{d^2z}{d\ell^2}$  (15)

Routh's criterion for this case is that all the coefficients on the left-hand side have the same sign.

The transfer functions of the system for the disturbance  $n^2T_Ms^2 + n^2D_Ms$  is

FIG. 2. Illustration of the rectification effect.



$$\frac{\Phi}{X}(s) = \frac{n^2 I_M s^2 + n^2 D_M s}{I_g s^2 + (n^2 D_M + nK a_1) s + nK a_0}$$
(16)

and, in the w-domain,

$$\frac{\Phi}{X}(j\omega) = \frac{-(n^2 I_M \omega^2 - j n^2 D_M \omega)}{(nKa_0 - I_0 \omega^2) + j(n^2 D_M + nKa_1) \omega}$$
(16a)

The transfer functions for  $me(d^2z/dt^2)$  are, in the s-domain,

$$\frac{\Phi}{Z}(s) = \frac{mes^2}{I_0 s^2 + (n^2 D_M + nKa_1) s + nKa_0}$$
(17)

and in the ω-domain

$$\frac{\Phi}{Z} (j\omega) = \frac{-me\omega^2}{(nKa_0 - I_s\omega^2) + j(n^2D_M + nKa_1) \omega}$$
(18)

Equation 15 is the system equation and is of the second order, i.e., one order lower than the single-degree-of-freedom system. It has two single complex roots, or one conjugate pair of complex roots. The latter solution represents a normally highly-damped oscillation. This simplifies the mathematical treatment of the platform as well as that of the shaping networks. However, the gyro gain of the system is only unity, and this makes it necessary to increase gain of the amplifiers and, possibly, the gear ratio and motor size. The latter case might be dictated by the noise level of the pickoff.

### Comparison of the two servo systems

Table II compares the behavior and hardware requirements of both system types. It shows that for a one-axis platform, the hardware for the two systems is about the same. In the two-degree-of-freedom gyro system the simpler lead network and its adjustment is balanced against the difficulties with the pickoff on the gimbal axis (bearing play, gimbal stiffness producing zero shift and noise) and the absence of gyro gain.

### GYRO OSCILLATION ERRORS

The above discussion indicates that the plate on which the gyros are mounted can oscillate around three axes. Although the amplitudes of these oscillations are very small, they do disturb the gyros and cause drift. This drift is a systematical error and cannot be avoided, but it can be minimized by proper design. Contributing factors are the gyroscopic effect, the mass and viscous damping of the

	Two-Gyro Platform	Three-Gyro Platform
Float	Must be balanced precisely around two axes (center of gravity, center of flotation with center of support). Distribution of heat flow symmetrical.	Less difficult, precision bal- ancing only around one axis.
Extra gimbal	Must be: small to avoid pad- dle effects; balanced and floated to avoid disturbing torques and friction; rigid to keep the float in position for the benefit of the pickoffs and torquers.	Does not exist.
Flex leads	Higher in number; two torquers, two pickoffs, and one gyro motor; must be flexible in two directions; are attached to a lever arm longer than the radius of the ball-shaped float (residual torques in zero position).	Fewer in number; one torquer, one pickoff, and one gyro motor; flexible in one direction, attached close to the center line of the precession axis (risk of residual torque much smaller).
Position pickoff	High stiffness of platform loop requires a small signal range. High pickoff sensitivi- ty and bearing play can cause uncertainties in the control signal.	Due to gyro gain the signal range is H/D times greater and the pickoff less sensitive to play in bearings.
Torquers	Built for motions in two di- rections (larger air gap).	Built for motion in one di- rection.
Lead networks	One single network only.	Double network required.
Number of gyros	Two only	Three required.
Power Consumption		Additional power for the third gyro.
Weight	0	Additional weight for third gyro.
Size of platforms		Probably equal, because three gyros give a better density factor for packaging.

fluid, the moment of inertia of the platform members, and geometry of the gyro arrangement.

In the single-degree-of-freedom gyro, there is a nonlinear coupling and an interaxis cross coupling, whereas in the two-degree-of-freedom gyro there is a cross coupling and a nonlinear mass coupling.

The nonlinear coupling of the single-degree-of-freedom gyro is caused by the fact that this gyro must precess to produce a control signal. The plat-form with this type of gyro also has an interaxis cross coupling caused mainly by the moments of inertia of the gyros around their precession axes. In a good design with low values of  $I_{\psi}/H$  and D/H, and a nearly nongyroscopic arrangement, this coupling can be neglected.

In the two-degree-of-freedom gyro the cross coupling is caused by the viscous friction of the fluid when there is relative motion between the gimbals and gyro sphere. A mass coupling also arises when the inner gimbal moves and pushes the fluid out of its way. This is a nonlinear effect depending on the size and shape of the surrounding gimbal and on the frequency and amplitudes of the azimuth and inner gimbal motions.

With proper design, all errors mentioned for both platforms can be kept within acceptable limits. Nonlinear coupling, or rectification effect, is illustrated in Figure 2. Derivation of the governing equations follows:

Assume that, under the effect of a torque around the  $\phi$ -axis, the gyro has precessed through an angle  $\psi$ . Now the angular momentum vector has a component along the input axis of the amount  $H\psi$ . If, at the same time, the platform rotates around the  $\theta$  axis, a torque equal to  $H\psi(d\theta/dt)$  develops around the  $\psi$ -axis. As a result, the platform starts to drift around the input axis  $\phi$ , and

$$H\psi \frac{d\theta}{dt} = H \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

or 
$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \psi \, \frac{d\theta}{dt} \tag{19}$$

This drift effect can also be caused by oscillations of the gyro plate around the  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  axes. The two oscillations must be equal in frequency but different in phase, so that one velocity component of one oscillation is in phase with the position component of the other oscillation which will normally occur. Since both oscillations change their signs periodically, the drift occurs in one The mean value of this drift is

direction only.

 $\frac{d\phi/dt}{d\phi/dt} = \frac{1}{2} \Psi \omega \Theta$  expressed in angles of the gyro plate.

To introduce the aircraft motions, the plate angles  $\Psi$  and  $\Theta$  are replaced by the aircraft angles  $\chi$  and  $\Xi$  with the help of the transfer functions

$$\frac{\Psi}{X}(j\omega) = \frac{B}{\Delta_2} \text{ and } \frac{\Theta}{\Xi}(j\omega) = \frac{A}{\Delta_2}.$$
 (11) and (8)

If it is assumed that the two servo loops behave in the same manner, i.e., that they have the identical constant  $\Delta_2$ , these equations can be written in final form as follows:

$$\overline{d\phi/dt} = \frac{\omega A}{2\Delta} \Xi \frac{B}{\Delta} X = \frac{\omega AB}{2\Delta^2} X\Xi$$
 (20)

### INSTRUMENTATION

On the theoretical basis, a comparison of the two platforms can be objective because the results can be derived from mathematical considerations. With regard to instrumentation, however, a comparison is partly objective and partly subjective if complete information on the hardware, fabrication time, etc. is not available. Consequently, the comparison of platform types presented in Table III is for the most part of an objective nature.

# Designing Sampled-Data Systems

THE GIST: Whether for open-loop information or closed-loop control systems, sampled-data procedures offer efficient means of handling signals. Some advantages are:

- sampled-data techniques apply to both analog and digital signals
- sampled signals, particularly after being converted to digital form,
   can be stored for later transmission and signal reconstruction
- the time-discrete nature of the sampled signal leads to the possibility of sharing one transmission link with other similar signals.

The fidelity with which a sampled-data system restores the original signal to continuous form depends on five interdependent factors:

- the measured variable and its transducer
- the input filter for attenuating unwanted frequencies in the signal
- the sampling time aperture
- the sampling rate
- the data recovery circuit and filter for reconstructing the original data samples

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Designing a sampled-data system requires, first of all, a thorough knowledge of the frequency spectrum of the measured signal. A typical continuous timevarying input signal, Figure 1, contains two major components, the desired measurement and superimposed noise. The desired signal generally has a frequency spectrum extending to some maximum frequency that is limited by the dynamic response of the transducer or of the measured source. Superimposed noise includes spurious signals and broadband noise. Spurious signals may be introduced by ac power sources, ground-loop currents, and trans-ducer vibration. While spurious signals may have almost any frequency spectrum, generally they are characterized by one or two predominant frequencies and by an average value. Broadband noise by definition has a spectrum extending to frequencies greater than the sampling rate and may arise from amplification of low-level transducer signals.

Spurious signals and broadband noise constitute

unwanted information that contributes dynamic error to the measurement. Some of this dynamic error may be reduced by using an input filter in the sampled-data system, see box. The input filter should have a flat frequency characteristic out to the highest frequency-of-interest and then should cut off smoothly and with maximally linear phase to attenuate all higher frequencies. For example, such a filter would attenuate the high-frequency peak—due to a spurious signal—in Figure 1D.

Most practical sampled data systems require input filters ranging from a simple one-pole passive RC network to a five-pole active (amplifier) filter. Often the transducer may act as the low-pass filter. Since any practical input filter does not have an absolutely flat frequency response out to the cutoff frequency, the filter itself introduces an attenuation error which must be taken into account. For instance, a two-pole critically damped filter introduces a 6-db attenuation (a 50-percent input amplitude error) at the cutoff

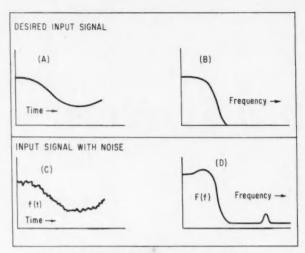


FIG. 1. System's input signal contains unwanted high frequencies that may have to be filtered.

frequency. When the exact characteristics of the input filter are known, it is theoretically possible to compensate for this error by using an inverse characteristic in the data recovery circuits, but this is not often practical.

The question may then be asked: Why not eliminate the input filter and do all necessary noise filtering after the sampled signal has been reconstructed? This is not usually feasible. When frequencies greater than the maximum frequency-of-interest, whether from desired data or noise, are present in the signal then the very nature of the sampling process introduces dynamic errors. No amount of

post-reconstruction filtering or data interpolation can reduce these inherent errors once they are introduced at the sampler.

### THE SAMPLING PROCESS

A continuous analog signal f(t), Figure 1C, varies with time and has a frequency spectrum F(t), Figure 1D. The analog signal is sampled periodically by a pulse train p(t) having a period T and a pulse duration  $t_0$ , Figure 2A. The resulting frequency spectrum P(t) is shown in Figure 2B. The frequency spectrum P(t) is not continuous but is rather a spectrum of discrete frequencies at zero and n/T cps, where n is a series of integers. The line spectrum is contained in an envelope defined by

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ight
ceil$$

which goes to zero at  $k/t_o$  cps, where k takes positive and negative integer values.

When the analog signal f(t) is sampled by the pulse train p(t) the process forms a new time function  $f^*(t) = f(t)p(t)$ , Figure 3A. The resulting frequency spectrum  $F^*(f)$ , Figure 3B, contains the sum and differences of all frequencies present in F(f) and P(f). Note that the data frequency spectrum  $F^*(f)$ , Figure 3B, folds about each line spectra of P(f) and that the amplitude is attenuated.

In the sampling process the sampling time aperture  $t_0$ , the sampling rate 1/T, and the data recovery circuit and filter may give rise to dynamic error, and these factors as well as the input filter must be given due consideration when designing a system.

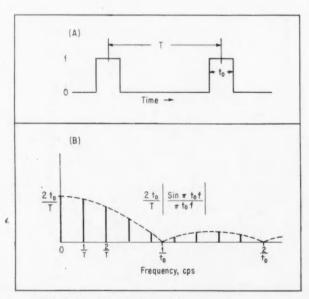


FIG. 2. Sampling waveform p(t) and corresponding frequency spectrum P(f).

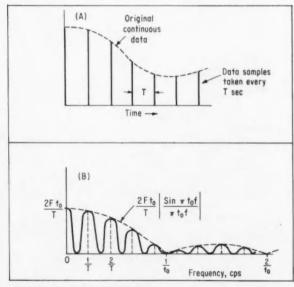
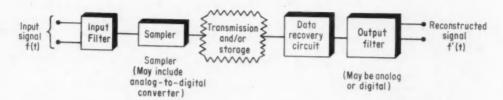


FIG. 3. Sampled-data pulses  $f^*(t)$  and corresponding sampled-data frequency spectrum  $F^*(f)$ .

### BASICS OF A SAMPLED-DATA SYSTEM



A low-pass input filter removes noise and unwanted high frequencies from the input signal coming from the transducer. The sampler periodically measures the filtered input signal and produces a series of data samples. After transmission, which may include storage at either end of the transmission link, the data samples reach

a data recovery circuit that reconstructs the original information. The display device or an output filter removes high frequencies introduced by the sampled-data pulse train to produce a continuous signal which is a fairly faithful reproduction of the original information. Good signal restoration depends on five practical design factors.

### Sampling time aperture

The sampling pulse requires a finite time, the sample aperture time  $t_o$ , to take a data sample. The sample aperture is, therefore, equivalent to an uncertainty in the exact time the data is sampled. This time uncertainty introduces an error in the sampled data. Figure 3B shows that the amplitude at any frequency of  $F^*(f)$ , including the one at zero frequency, is attenuated by the factor:

$$\left[rac{2Ft_o}{T} imesrac{\sin\pi t_of}{\pi t_of}
ight]$$

where F is the input signal amplitude. It is this amplitude attenuation that introduces the errors attributed to the finite sampling aperture. The percentage error due to sample aperture time can be calculated from

$$100 \left\{ 1 - \left[ \frac{\sin \pi t_o f_d}{\pi t_o f_d} \right] \right\}$$

where  $f_a$  is the information frequency of interest and  $1/t_a$  is the frequency at which

$$\left[\frac{\sin \pi t_o f}{\pi t_o f}\right] = 0$$

Figure 4, a useful design chart, plots the percentage error due to sampling aperture as a function of  $f_a t_o$  and shows that the error becomes smaller as  $t_o$  decreases. The sampling rate 1/T does not affect this error. (Figure 4 may also be used, by replacing  $t_o$  with T, to evaluate errors introduced by a zero-order data recovery circuit; this is discussed later.)

When the sampled signal is converted to a digital number, as by an analog-to-digital converter using successive approximation techniques, the maximum time uncertainty is related to the time required for a complete digital conversion. If  $t_o$  is set equal to the maximum conversion time, then a maximum limit is set on the resulting time uncertainty. Actually, depending on the magnitude and slope of the varying input signal, the average value of  $t_o$  is less than half the digital conversion time and the average error is a good deal less.

If the dynamic error due to the finite aperture is greater than system specification will allow, a sample-and-hold circuit (often called a zero-order hold or clamp) may be necessary. This circuit samples the input at precise intervals and holds the input amplitude constant for the duration of the sampling time even though the measured signal itself is varying. A practical sample-and-hold circuit prior to the sampler, if it is needed, reduces the time uncertainty  $t_o$  to less than a microsec, the circuit's effective disconnect time. When is a sample-and-hold circuit required for accurate sampling and digital conversion of input data with a specified frequency characteristic?

EXAMPLE: A system samples data having a maximum information frequency of 200 cps and encodes (converts) the resultant sample to a digital code with a permitted error of 0.5 percent. The encoder takes 5 microsec per bit, or 50 microsec to make a complete conversion.

Therefore:

$$t_o f_d = 50 \times 10^{-6} \times 200 = 0.01$$

and from Figure 4 the dynamic error, with no sample-and-hold, is 0.015 percent at 200 cps. Since one digital increment introduces a resolution error of  $(1/2^{10}) = (1/1,024) = 0.1$  percent, the sample-and-hold circuit would not be needed for this case. EXAMPLE: The same converter as above samples

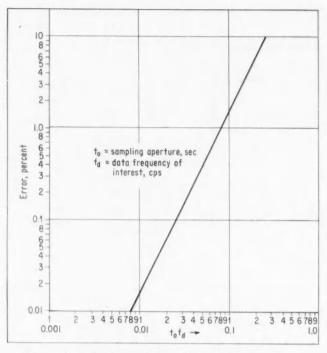


FIG. 4. Magnitude of error, in train of sampled-data pulses, caused by a finite sampling aperture to.

a signal with maximum information content up to 2,000 cps. Therefore,  $t_o f_d = 0.1$  and the maximum error from Figure 4 is 1.6 percent. Since this exceeds the permitted error of 0.5 percent, a sample-and-hold circuit may be required.

Many data systems, however, do not require the same accuracy at high frequencies that they do at steady state. The theoretical increase in dynamic accuracy afforded by a sample-and-hold circuit may actually be outweighed by the amplifier errors and by the slight decrease in reliability caused by the additional components. A good engineering compromise, with full knowledge of the system data accuracy requirements, is needed.

### One-shot analysis is wrong

Dynamic error caused by a finite sampling aperture must always be evaluated on the basis of the maximum frequencies present in the input, as done above, and not on the one-shot basis which stipulates that the aperture must be small enough to permit the input data to change no more than one least-significant bit during the time of uncertainty. A one-shot analysis can lead to some wrong and perhaps expensive conclusions, particularly when using it to determine the need for a sample-and-hold circuit.

An example of the erroneous use of a one-shot analysis is as follows: A sine wave signal is assumed and its maximum slope—the slope at zero crossing—is calculated:

 $\max slope = B\pi f_d$  bits per sec

where B is binary value of the full-scale amplitude of the sine wave and  $f_d$  is the sine wave frequency. If the input data with maximum slope conditions cannot change more than the equivalent of one least-significant output bit during  $t_0$ , then

max slope  $< 1/t_o$ 

Equating the two factors at the right of the above expressions,

 $f_d < 1/(B\pi t_o)$  eps

Suppose an 11-bit word analog-to-digital converter takes 2 microsec per bit conversion, or 22 microsec for total word conversion. The full-scale binary value B is 2<sup>11</sup> or 2,048. Therefore,

 $f_d < 1/(2,048 \times 3.14 \times 22 \times 10^{-6}) < 7 \text{ cps}$ 

This low maximum frequency is a faulty answer because it is based on the very special case where only one sample is taken near the zero crossing of a maximum amplitude sine wave. Actually data is sampled continuously (even when the input signal is a transient) and therefore the digital values obtained from the sequence of conver-

sions are correct at some time within their respective  $t_o$  intervals. That is, any error must be considered one of time and not of amplitude. When the data samples are restored to a continuous signal in a data reconstruction device, each sample is weighted by nearby samples. The final error in the reconstructed signal is therefore much less than inferred from the one-shot analysis.

For the 11-bit a-d converter used in the one-shot analysis case, the resolution error is 1/2,048, or about 0.05 percent. Allowing the same maximum value for sampling aperture error and performing a continuous-sampling analysis, then from Figure 4  $t_o t_d = 0.02$  and therefore  $t_d \approx 900$  cps. Thus, whereas the one-shot analysis indicated only 7-cps, a frequency that mistakenly shows the need for a sample-and-hold circuit to reduce  $t_o$ , the continuous analysis shows that input signals containing frequencies up to 900 cps can actually be accommodated quite well without a sample-and-hold device. Simplicity, reliability, and operation are enhanced.

### Sampling rate

Because sampled-data systems use data taken at discrete intervals and discard the data between samples, intolerable errors may be introduced in the sampled-data pulse train. These errors, caused by frequency folding of the original data frequencies about the sampling frequency, as shown in Figure

3B, can be reduced first by filtering higher frequencies (including noise of unwanted signal) out of the input signal and by the filtered input sampl-

ing at an adequately high rate.

Figure 5 assumes an input signal having a frequency spectrum flat out to the sampling rate 1/T cps which is modified at high frequencies by two typical filters, a one-pole filter falling off at 6 db per octave and a five-pole filter falling off at 30 db per octave. For simplicity, only the asymptotes of the filters—both of which have break points at  $f_m$ , the maximum information frequency—are shown. At the right of Figure 5 are sampled-data spectra folded about the sampling rates  $1/T = 5f_m$  and  $1/T = 10f_m$ . The dynamic error due to frequency folding is that portion of the folded data that extends back to frequencies below  $f_m$ , and is in addition to any error the filter's attenuation may cause at any frequency.

To achieve required accuracy at a given data frequency, it is important to make a sound engineering compromise between input filter design and the sam-

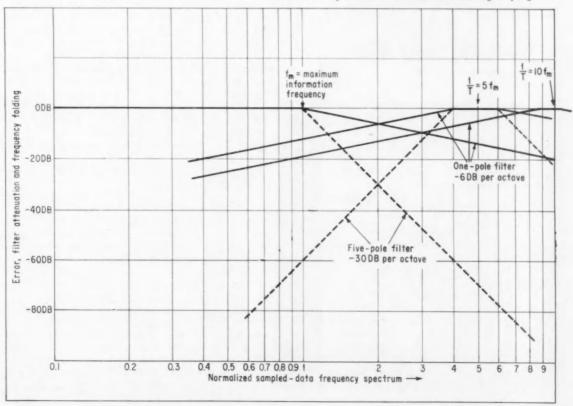
pling rate:

EXAMPLE: Information to a sampled-data sys-

tem has a frequency spectrum flat out to the sampling rate. A one-pole RC network with a break frequency of  $f_m$  filters the input data before sampling. The attenuation characteristic of such a filter is shown in Figure 5. Here, the filter reduces the input signal 3 db at  $f_m$ , an error of about 29 percent. This error can be compensated somewhat by the output filter. However, from Figure 5, the folded-data spectrum is down 12 db at  $f_m$ , an error of 25 percent at that frequency, and is down 20 db at  $0.4 f_m$ , an error of only 10 percent at that frequency. This error cannot be corrected by recovery or filter circuits. Note how using the same input signal and filter but increasing the sampling rate to  $1/T = 10 f_m$  reduces the dynamic error.

EXAMPLE: Information to a data sampler is filtered to give a frequency spectrum flat to  $f_m$  and then to attenuate at minus 30 db per octave above  $f_m$ . The sampling rate is  $5 f_m$ . As shown in Figure 5 for these conditions, the folded data spectrum is down 60 db at  $f_m$ , an error of 0.1 percent at that frequency. Here, the five-pole filter does a much better job of reducing frequency

FIG. 5. Error caused by trequency folding can be alleviated by using a filter with sharp cutoff characteristics and increasing sampling rate.



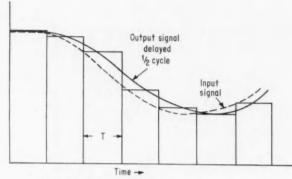


FIG. 6. Zero-order data hold output.

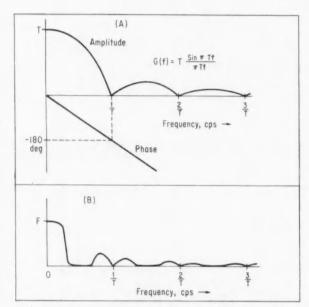


FIG. 7. When data samples F\*(t) pass through a zero-order data hold, A, the resulting frequency spectrum contains unwanted high frequencies, B.

folding error than does the one-pole network of the preceding example.

Thus, to achieve required accuracy at a given data frequency one must make a compromise between using a filter with sharper cutoff characteristics and increasing the sampling rate.

The two preceding examples also show the need for a high speed analog-to-digital converter to encode data for many data systems. For instance, when information up to 2,000 cps must be accurately transmitted and the sampling rate is five times this, then the converter rate must be at least 10 kc. When the channel is time-division multi-

plexed with other channels, as is often done, the conversion rate may be about 20 or 30 kc. Commercial analog-to-digital converters have been available for many years which can run at rates up to 50 kc, and recent equipment employing advanced solid-state components and circuits make possible data conversion rates up to several megacycles.

### Recovering original data from samples

A data-hold, or data-reconstruction, circuit recovers the original signal from the sampled data. Errors introduced by the data-hold circuit depend on the method used for filling in data gaps between samples. The most common data reconstruction circuit is the zero-order data hold, or boxcar desampler, that extrapolates the time function between pulses by holding the data constant at the value of the last data pulse, Figure 6.

The desampling of sample pulses with a zeroorder data hold is equivalent to passing the sampleddata pulses through a low-pass filter with a transfer function:

$$G(f) = T \frac{\sin \pi T f}{\pi T f} \angle -\pi T f$$

The amplitude and phase characteristics of G(f) are shown in Figure 7A. As a result of going through the boxcar filter, the data samples now exhibit a frequency spectrum like that shown in Figure 7B. Here, besides introducing a calcuable error in the form of unwanted attenuation of frequencies within the desired-data spectrum, the desampler also passes some high-frequency components present in the sampler-data pulses. These unwanted high frequencies appear in the output and may require filtering for some critical system applications.

Once the extraneous frequencies are filtered out, the dynamic error introduced by desampling may be read from the curves of Figure 4 when  $t_a$  is replaced by T. (Note that G(f) is similar in form to the function describing the envelope of the spectra amplitudes on which Figure 4 is based.)

The phase of G(t) drops off linearly with frequency, indicative of a pure time delay. Since the phase angle is minus 180 deg at 1/T cps, the time delay is one-half the sampling period T. This time delay is not important for most data logging systems, but it may become significant when the sampled-data system employing a zero-order hold circuit forms part of a closed-loop control system.

As examples of error magnitude when using a boxcar desampler, Figure 4 shows that at  $1/T = 5 t_m$ (or  $t_o t_d = 0.2$ ) the error is 6.4 percent; and at  $1/T = 10 t_m$  the error is 1.6 percent. When such accuracy is not good enough better results can be obtained by employing data holds of higher order where prediction between data samples is used. A digital computer, for instance, may be programmed as a first or second-order hold to serve as a data reconstruction filter to give greater dynamic accuracy.

## DATA FILE

# Curve Checks Pot Loading Error

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The resistance selected for a precision potentiometer is usually a compromise between a high value to reduce current drain and a low value that will limit non-linearity due to electrical loading. In determining an acceptable level of resistance tolerance, the engineer must make allowance for the effects of changes in terminal resistance (caused principally by wear, temperature, humidity, voltage, and aging) after the potentiometer is installed in his system.

Here is a simple way to find the maximum linearity error for given values of pot and load resistance, and to evaluate the effect of load resistance variations.

### Derivation

The general circuit in which precision potentiometers operate is shown in Figure 1. R<sub>L</sub>, the electrical load in the wiper circuit, acts as a shunt, and its effect on the potentiometer output voltage can be analyzed as follows:

When  $R_L$  is infinite, no current is drawn through the wiper, and  $E_o/E_{in} = S$ . If  $R_L$  is less than infinite, let  $E_o/E_{in} = M$  and  $P = R/R_L$ . By using Thevenin's theorem it can be shown that

$$M = \frac{SR_L}{(1-S)SR + R_L}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(1-S)P + (1/S)}$$

If this equation is expanded and  $\Delta$  is defined as (S – M), the change in  $E_o$  due to loading, then

$$\begin{split} \Delta &= MS(1-S)P \\ &= (S-\Delta)S(1-S)P \\ &\approx S^2(1-S)P \end{split}$$

since  $\Delta$  is small compared to S. Taking the first derivative and equating it to zero to find the position S for maximum voltage change,

$$\frac{d\Delta}{dS} = (2S - 3S^2)P = 0$$
$$S = 2/3$$

and

Thus the maximum error in  $E_{\bullet}$  due to load ratio P is (4/27)P. Figure 2 is a plot of this error.

### SOME EXAMPLES

The use of Figure 2 to find the change in potentiometer output linearity produced by a change in terminal resistance is best illustrated by example:

1. When a 1-megohm load is connected between one fixed terminal and the wiper of a 10,000-ohm potentiometer ( $R/R_L=0.01$ ), the linearity error, from Figure 2, is 0.15 percent. A 50-percent change in terminal resistance, corresponding to a new load ratio of 0.015, shows an error of 0.22 percent. Thus

a 50-percent change in terminal resistance at this load ratio will produce a 0.07-percent (0.22-0.15) change in linearity.

2. When the load is connected between the potentiometer centertap and the wiper, divide  $R/R_L$  by two, and also divide the error read on the curve for this halved load ratio by two. If the 1-megohm load of the above example is connected to the centertap,  $(R/R_L)/2 = 0.005$ , and the linearity error is 0.036 percent. A 50-percent change in terminal resistance,  $(R/R_L)/2 = 0.0075$ , gives a linearity error of 0.054 percent. Thus a 50-percent change of terminal resistance in this circuit produces a linearity change of only 0.018 percent.

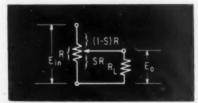


FIG. 1. General potentiometer circuit.

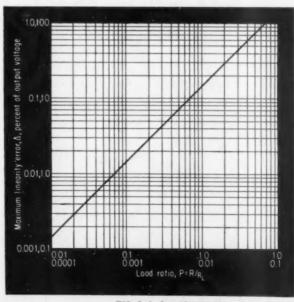


FIG. 2. A plot of linearity error due to loading.

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## Dynamics of pH Electrodes

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THE GIST: The pH electrode for determining hydrogen ion concentration is a primary measuring element and like other primary elements its dynamic response characteristics can play a significant role in control loop accuracy and stability. Unlike most other transducers, however, the pH electrode shows strong nonlinear dynamic characteristics. At least one of the two time constants describing the performance of the glass electrode varies during normal operation.

Just how seriously flow conditions, direction of pH change, and pH level affect time constant magnitudes is shown here by transient response curves taken from tests conducted on three different pH flow cells. The results verify—for the most part—an analytically derived two time constant transfer function characterization of the pH measuring electrode.

Such discerning information is meaningful, for recognizing both qualitatively and quantitatively that dynamic nonlinearity exists can lead to the design of improved closed-loop pH control systems.

The pH electrode for measuring hydrogen ion concentration in aqueous solutions exhibits a strong nonlinear dynamic response, a factor that must be given serious consideration when designing fast, stable pH control loops. For instance, in a given pH electrode installation it will not be unusual for time constants to change by a factor of two. Such a nonlinear response with time is in addition to the steady-state nonlinear (logarithmic) relationship between ion concentration and pH reading.

In a continuous flow cell, Figure 1, the pH electrode's response can be generally represented by

two time constants, one arising from the rate of diffusion of ions into and out of the glass electrode surface, the other from solution mixing within the flow cell. The cell's performance function, or transfer function, can then be written as:

$$[PF] = \frac{1}{(1 + \tau_1 s) (1 + \tau_2 s)}$$

where  $\tau_1$  is the mixing time constant  $\tau_2$  is the diffusion time constant

The diffusion time constant is primarily a function of the dynamic response of the glass measuring electrode itself. The mixing time constant is a function of the continuous flow cell in which the glass electrode measures the pH of the solution.

When the cell configuration and solution flow conditions provide minimum internal cell volume and high sample velocity, the mixing time constant may become negligible for all practical purposes. If not negligible, the mixing time constant will at least remain relatively constant in value for a particular installation. The diffusion time constant, however, is considerably nonlinear even for a given cell configuration and set of flow conditions. This time constant's value depends on the pH level and the direction of hydrogen ion movement—which will change because of process operating requirements and disturbances—and on film (boundary layer) dimensions and diffusion coefficient—which will remain relatively constant for a particular installation.

The analytical derivation of pH glass electrode dynamics and a description of the procedure and equipment for conducting experimental transient responses follow next. Such information aids in interpreting the actual sets of test results establishing dynamic nonlinearity which are plotted on pages 138 and 139.

### Mixing time constant

Flow cells used for continuous pH measurement, Figure 1, contribute a mixing time lag in the electrode response. The mixing performance function is derived from a material balance:

$$V \frac{dc_o}{dt} = F_o (c_i - c_o)$$

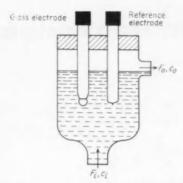


FIG. 1. Continuous flow cell for sampling.

where V is the cell's volume  $F_i = F_s$  is the flow rate  $c_i$  is inlet hydrogen ion concentration  $c_s$  is outlet hydrogen ion concentration

Transforming and rearranging yields a performance function for mixing:

$$[PF]_{\text{mixing}} = \frac{C_o}{C_i}(s) = \frac{1}{(1+\tau_i s)}$$

where  $\tau_1 = V/F_o$ , and  $C_o$  and  $C_i$  are functions of the complex variable, s.

### Diffusion time constant

The active area of the glass electrode is an extended three dimensional network of silicon atoms or ions surrounded by oxygen tetrahedrons. The holes, so to speak, are occupied by alkali metal cations such as sodium ions. When the surrounding hydrogen ion concentration decreases, ions migrate from the glass surface into solution unaffected by the sodium ions until a new equilibrium position is reached. However, when the hydrogen ion concentration increases, the ions now migrate into the glass but the attainment of a new equilibrium is retarded by movement of sodium ions in the glass. The electrode potential, determined by the instantaneous concentration of hydrogen ions on and within the glass, changes faster in one migration direction than the other. This movement of ions introduces a nonlinearity in 72.

A very probable rate controlling mechanism determining pH electrode response is the diffusion of hydrogen ions through the boundary layer on the surface of the electrode, Figure 2. If it is assumed that resistance to diffusion is confined entirely to the boundary layer of uniform properties and that upon traversing the layer the hydrogen ions become immediately effective in altering the electrode potential, then as in heat transfer,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -KA \frac{dc}{dx}$$

where N is the effective number of hydrogen ions diffusing, A is the diffusion area, x is the boundary layer thickness, c is the hydrogen ion concentration as indicated by the pH instrument, and K is the effective diffusion coefficient.

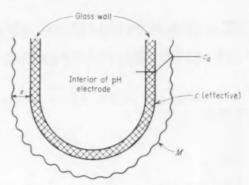


FIG. 2. Boundary film around glass electrode.

Assuming a linear gradient in the film,

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = \frac{c - c_{\bullet}}{x}$$

where  $c_a$  is the hydrogen ion concentration in the flowing solution surrounding the electrode. Finally, the change in hydrogen ion inventory in the electrode, beyond the boundary layer, is

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \overline{C} \frac{dc}{dt}$$

where  $\overline{C}=dN/dc=$  capacitance of electrode system for hydrogen ions. Combining yields:

$$\frac{\overline{C}}{KA} \frac{dc}{dt} + c = c_a$$

where  $c_a$  may be, in general, any function of time. It is imoprtant to emphasize that this relation implies the full activity of the hydrogen ions once they have diffused through the boundary layer.

Upon transformation, with the assumption of zero initial conditions, the boundary layer diffusion performance function may be written;

$$[PF]_{diff} = \frac{C}{C_a} (s) = \frac{1}{(1 + \tau_2 s)}$$

where C and  $C_a$  are in the complex s domain and  $\tau_2 = \overline{C}/KA$  is the time constant associated with boundary layer diffusion.

### Second-order function

Combining the two first-order lags gives the overall rate controlling mechanism of the glass electrode in a flowing solution:

$$PF = \frac{C}{C_6}(s) = \frac{1}{(1 + \tau_1 s)(1 + \tau_2 s)}$$

where  $C_a$  is assumed to be equal to  $C_o$ , which implies that perfect mixing in the flow cell is achieved. Thus, the potential produced by hydrogen ions on the glass surface is

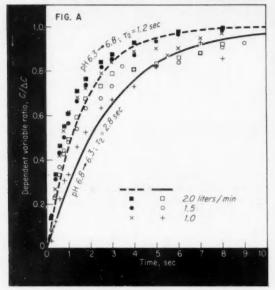
$$E(t) = -\operatorname{Log}_{10}[\mathcal{L}^{-1}[PF] \times C_{\epsilon}(s)]$$

### HOW THE TESTS WERE CONDUCTED

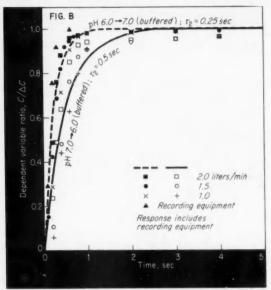
A continuous flow system for producing and recording step and square pulse changes of pH in aqueous solutions was set up as shown in Figure 3. Test solutions, consisting of distilled water with a pH value of 6.8 and a mixture of distilled water

# Experimental Dynamic Responses of pH Electrode

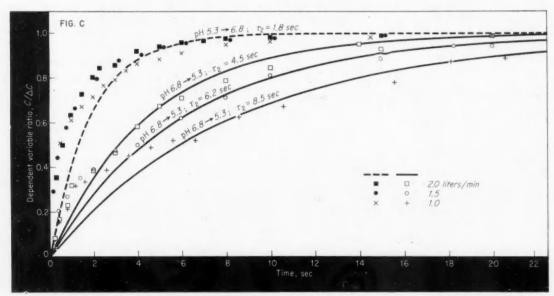
### SPECIAL FLOW CELL; MINIMUM MIXING



0.5 pH CHANGE. Best-fit first-order curves indicate that response is independent of flow rate and mixing effect is not discernible. Only the direction of the pH change affects the time constant value.



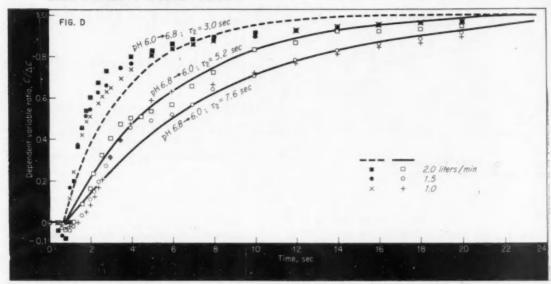
BUFFERING (1.0 pH CHANGE). Test data fits first-order response. Although pH change is larger, buffering makes electrode respond even faster. Effect of direction of pH change is again much in evidence.



1.5 pH CHANGE. At a larger pH change the responses are still first-order since minimum mixing occurs. At all three flow rates, going from pH 5.3 to 6.8, the time constant of 1.8 sec is so small that the effect of differing film thicknesses cannot

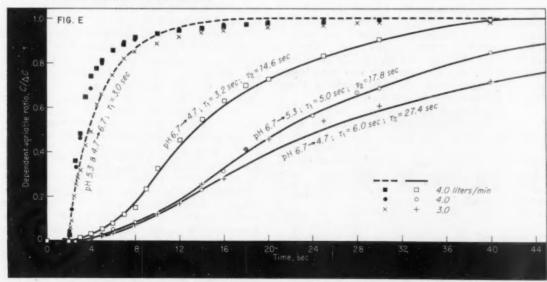
be discerned. However, going from pH 6.8 to 5.3 results in three different, larger time constants. Within experimental error, the time constants increase in proportion to the film thickness, see table on p 140.

### L&N PLASTIC FLOW CELL



Because of larger internal cell volume and irregular flow paths, the glass electrode responses are more complex and the effect of mixing is becoming evident. For comparison, the data averaged as first-order time constants. Again, the direction of pH change affects the time constant. The effect of film thickness is about the same at flow rates of 1.0 and 1.5 liters/min, but different at 2.0 liters min. No explanation has been derived for the initial negative-going response.

### L&N PYREX FLOW CELL



In this even larger cell, the effect of mixing becomes readily noticeable. Test conditions and data associated with the top curve indicate that the response is primarily attributable to mixing. The diffusion time constant is not discernible when

going from acid to water. But going from water to acid (three lower curves) shows the predominant effect of flow rate on the mixing time constant  $\tau_1$ , and of flow rate (hence film thickness) and pH change on the diffusion time constant  $\tau_2$ .

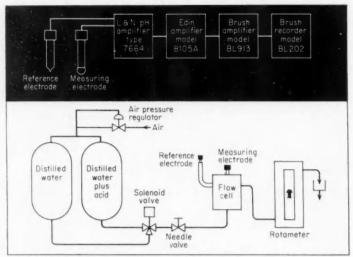


FIG. 3. Experimental flow system and measuring and recording equipment.

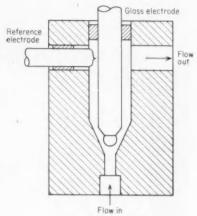


FIG. 4. Special flow cell for minimum mixing.

and perchloric acid with pH values ranging from 6.3 to 4.7, were mixed in pressure vessels and allowed to reach room temperature equilibrium. A test was run with a buffered solution, buffering providing a large amount of undissociated weak acid that acts as a reservoir of hydrogen ions. This reservoir rapidly replenishes ions that migrate into the electrode's surface. This increases diffusion rate and reduces effective film thickness, thereby-according to the electrode's mathematical representation and to one test-speeding up dynamic response.

An air pressure regulator maintained the pressure vessels at 20 psi so that changes in the level of the vessels would have negligible effect on flow rates.

Step and square pulse changes in solutions were generated by a small-capacity three-way solenoid valve, followed by a close-coupled needle valve for adjusting flow. Solution flow rates to 2.28 liters/min were measured by a rotameter. To determine larger flow rates, the solution was collected for a given interval and measured volumetrically.

The glass electrode used in these experiments was a Leeds and Northrup standard commercial electrode, No. 1199-30. The reference was an L&N No. 1199-31 reference electrode modified with a standpipe arrangement so that the KCl solution would have sufficient pressure head to flow through the liquid junction rather than be contaminated by the flowing test solution.

The dynamic response of the electronic recording equipment was determined by both direct frequency response and step input testing. Results indicated that the electronics could be represented by a second-order response having a damping factor of 0.7 and a natural undamped frequency of 11.3 rad/sec. Except as noted in Figure B, p. 138, the electronics response was fast enough to be negligible compared with electrode response.

Dynamic response tests were conducted on three

#### ESTIMATED BOUNDARY LAYER THICKNESS ON GLASS ELECTRODE IN SPECIAL CELL

Flow, liters/min	Velocity, ft/sec	Estimated boundary layer thickness, cm
1.0	3.8	6.13 X 10 <sup>-8</sup>
1.5	5.08	4.30 X 10 <sup>-3</sup>
2.0	7.63	3.32 X 10 <sup>-3</sup>

pH flow cells, one special cell, Figure 4, having negligible internal volume and known internal dimensions, and two industrial types exhibiting larger volume and more mixing. The two industrial flow cells were the L&N type 7780 plastic flow cell and the L&N type 7766 Pyrex flow cell.

Careful consideration was given to design of the special flow cell. By proper placement of the glass electrode, the annular cross section and thus the fluid velocity could be determined. Using theory and data given by McAdams (Reference), the film thickness on the glass electrode at various flow rates was estimated, see table above.

All pH response records were converted to hydrogen ion concentration and normalized to:

 $DVR = c/\Delta c =$  dependent variable ratio

where c = hydrogen ion concentration change

Δe = maximum excursion of hydrogen ion concentration

Figures A through E, pp. 138 and 139, show the results of the dynamic response tests of a glass electrode in three types of flow cells. Although nonlinearities and unexplained behavior do exist, the responses verify that mixing in the flow cell, direction of pH change, magnitude of pH change, and film thickness all play a significant role in time lag associated with the transient response of glass electrodes.

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# Pulse Generator Controls Propeller Speeds

FRANK A. McKENNA, Wheelock Signals, Inc.

Error signals are converted to distinct output increments by the pulse generator. This electromechanical device provides stability in control systems where precise synchronization is needed.

For smooth handling and safety, multiengine propeller driven aircraft must have all engines carrying equal loads, so all must turn at the same speed. In flight any number of variables can cause variations in engine speed; thus constant automatic monitoring is necessary. When Curtiss-Wright built the engine for the Air Force C124, it used an engine speed control system that constantly compares each engine's speed with a reference. If there is a difference, a corrective signal goes to the engine's pitch control motor. Slight variations in propeller pitch will then return the engine to proper speed.

This control method has been used before, but this particular system has a unique stabilizing feature. Between the system's error detector, which causes the corrective pulse, and the pitch motor, which receives this pulse to make corrections, is a pulse generator. This generator, made by Wheelock Signals, Inc., receives each error signal and changes it to a 100-millisec pulse before it goes to the pitch motor. The frequency of this 100-millisec output pulse is proportional to error input frequency. In this way, large speed errors produce a rapid or constant correction signal, but small errors produce a very small correction. The end result is a stable system capable of finding the setpoint in one

smooth operation without overcorrection. The generator is made up of a power supply, a master relay, and two slave relays, each slave with an RC network in parallel. The generator's circuit (Figure 1) has two loops: one activated by an overspeed condition, and the other by underspeed. Each loop uses the same master relay but has its own slave relay and RC network. When an engine gets out of synchronization, the error causes a commutator to rotate. Speed of rotation is proportional to the magnitude of the error. The commutator makes and breaks the contact of the generator's 28-vdc circuit to ground, producing the input error pulse. Make-break time of the relays plus the RC time constant are arranged to give the 100-millisec output when energized by the error pulse. The delay built into the master relay controls the amount of charge the RC network will get. The RC network, in turn, controls the closed time of the slave relay. The slave relay closed time is the duration of the output pulse.

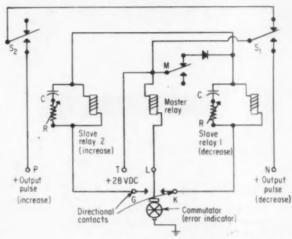
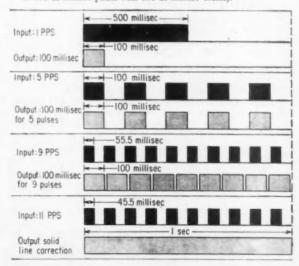
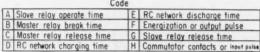


FIG. 1. Constant pulse generator.

FIG. 2. Input and output pulse characteristics. In each case input energization is 50 percent. This means the commutator which causes the error signal has conducting and nonconducting segments of equal width. So, if the commutator rotates at a constant speed, these segments will make and break at a constant rate, causing circuit on time to equal off time for any given period (such as one 500-millisec pulse with a 500-millisec break or two 25-millisec pulses with two 25-millisec breaks).





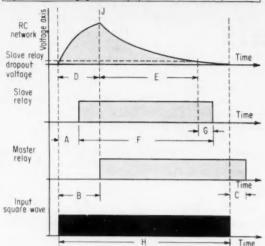


FIG. 3. Operating sequence of the generator circuit. Voltage is plotted against time for four principal circuit operations.

### How output pulses are generated

Figure 2 shows input and output pulses at four stages of a typical correction sequence. The bottom of the illustration indicates a situation of large error, with input frequency greater than 10 pulses per sec. Since the generator tries to respond to each input pulse with a 100-millisec output, there is overlap, resulting in a constant correction signal. Now as the pitch motor makes corrections, commutator rotation slows and at 9 pulses per sec (indicated third from the top) the generator, responding with 100-millisec pulses, gives a closely spaced output. With even less error the 100-millisec correction pulses are farther apart. Finally at the top of the chart, error between propeller speed and reference speed is very slight, making the commutator turn very slowly and causing a long input pulse. The generator still produces only a single output of 100-millisec pulse for this long input. When the speed is almost exact, the input signal will get even longer, but with a single 100-millisec correction pulse. This assures accurate correction with no chance of overshoot. As long as input remains below a certain preset frequency, the square output wave frequency varies in direct proportion to input frequency. In this case, 10 pulses per sec is the limiting frequency. A higher frequency would of course cause a constant correction signal. Under normal operating conditions maximum error in a 100-millisec pulse will be about 2 percent.

### System operation

In operation the pilot sets a reference alternator that sends pulses proportional to the desired engine speed to a speed comparator on each engine. Alternators on each engine send pulses proportional to actual engine speed to their respective comparators. If an engine is over or under speed, the signals from the reference and engine alternators will not synchronize,

causing an armature in the comparator to rotate. With the error detected by the rotating armature, a signal must then be introduced to the pulse generator to correct the error. This is done through a commutator attached to the armature shaft. The commutator, rotating with the armature, makes and breaks contact in the generator circuit, initiating corrective pulses.

Since there are two error conditions, overspeed and underspeed, there are two loops to the generator circuit, (see Figure 1). The windings are arranged so the commutator will rotate one way for overspeed and the opposite way for underspeed. Brushes sense the direction and ground one or the other circuit loop.

The energizing sequence of an individual pulse is illustrated in Figure 3. An error signal H, caused by the commutator, first energizes the circuit. (Symbols refer to Figure 1 or Figure 3.) Capacitor C then begins to accumulate charge D through rheostat R to ground. Charging time depends on the break time of the normally closed contacts of master relay M and the RC time constant. The normally open slave relay closes after operate time A, provided the charge on the capacitor exceeds its pull-in voltage. With the slave relay closed, the output or corrective pulse goes to an actuator at point N, which in turn varies propeller pitch. When operate time B has passed, the master relay opens its normally closed contact, cuts off the power, and stops capacitor charging at point J. The time the slave relay will stay in operation depends on the discharge time constant (R + R eo11) C, the maximum voltage the capicitor reaches, and break time and dropout voltage of the slave relay. Variation in any of these factors will change the duration of the output pulse.

Output pulse = (master relay break time) - (slave relay operate time) + (RC network discharge time) + (slave relay release time) or, referring to Figure 3,

$$F = B - A + E + G$$

Following pulses will go through the same sequence until the correction is made and the commutator stops turning. It makes no difference if the commutator stops on a conducting or nonconducting segment. On a conducting segment, the master relay will stay operative, preventing an output pulse. A nonconducting segment will open the circuit.

In the design of the generator, components can be selected to produce a great output signal variety. Once the relays are selected, the make and break times are fixed. The only other variable is the RC network which affects about 85 percent of the output pulse time.

By regulating the rheostat of the RC network, the pulse duration is accurately controlled. It should be pointed out that the situation illustrated in Figure 3 is that which the generator will be required to handle most commonly. Should there be two or more distinct pulses during the time H now designated by a single pulse, constant correction would result, since charge I would not have enough time to decay below slave dropout voltage before a new charge was introduced to the RC network. Any signal longer than that indicated by H would have no effect, since the RC network could gain no further charge to operate the slave relay.

Maximum input frequency is 180 pulses per sec. Because of the flux buildup, the master relay will remain continuously in an operating position above 180 pulses per sec.

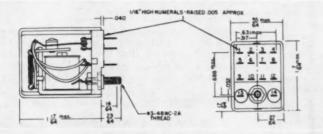
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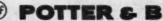
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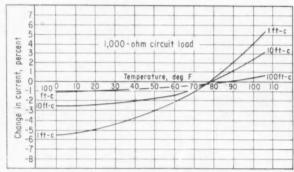


FIG. 1. Temperature vs current change for 1, 10, and 100 ft-candles.

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Time response — time to reach 75 percent of		
reading at 10 ft-c	0.05-0.20 sec	0.005-0.05 sec
Operating voltage	1-300 volts	1-300 volts
Maximum operating		
temperature	160-185 deg F	160-185 deg F
Minimum operating		
temperature	-50 to -120 deg F	-50 to -120 deg F
Maximum power dissipation	0.05-0.5 watts	0.05-0.5 watts
Hermetic sealing	Yes	Yes
"Sensitivity may be tailored to by cell size and contact config		

Improved characteristics mean that the photoconductive cell can now be applied to a wider range of jobs than formerly possible with more common photovoltaic cells. Many of the properties of this cell, which had prohibited its use, have been changed through better manufacturing techniques, resulting in a more versatile light detector.

The cell is not self-generating, as are other light sensing cells; rather its resistance changes when it is exposed to light. As light intensity increases, cell resistance decreases, making current through the cell a function of light intensity.

Although the operating principle of the photoconductive cell has been known for some time, practical applications were impossible until designs were improved recently. Early cells used silver contacts, which did not give good ohmic contact in low voltage ranges. Now that the silver contacts have been replaced by indium and tin contacts, almost any voltage within the dissipation and insulation limits of the cell can be used.

Stability has been improved by hermetically sealing cells in glass enclosures similar to those used for vacuum tubes. Previously, the cells had been potted in plastic, which water vapor and other toxic agents could penetrate and so attack the photoconductive material.

Poor sensitivity, for which the photoconductive cell had been known, has now been remedied by improved doping techniques. Cells now have good light to dark ratios and sensitivity. For example, one type of cell has a dark resistance of 500 megohms, while at 0.05 ft-candles, its resistance goes down to 200,000 ohms.

A further look at the features of the photoconductive cell may point up some areas in which it can most profitably be used. A summary of the characteristics of a typical cell can be seen in the table.

#### **Advantages**

Characteristics of the photoconductive cell that are advantageous in applications are:

Ability to respond to low light levels—This is due to the nearly unlimited sensitivity of the cell plus its ability to operate at high voltage (300 volts plus). On the

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FIG. A. Construction of typical photocell. The photocell resistance is measured between contacts 1 and 2. Therefore as the contacts are moved closer, the resistance will decrease due to the shorter path between contacts.

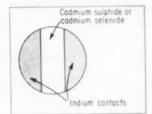


FIG. C. Most common contact configuration.

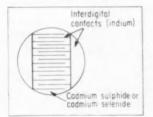


FIG. D. Interdigital contacts give effect of many photoconductors in parallel, thus lowering resistance substantially.

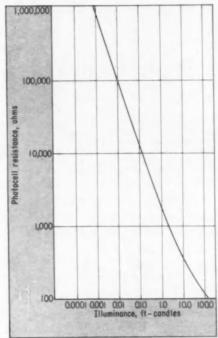


FIG. B. Plot of resistance vs illumination for a typical photocell.

A typical cell available today would be composed, in most cases, of a support disc or wafer which has been coated with a thin film of cadmium sulphide or cadmium selenide, Figure A. There will be at least one set of contacts resting on top of the coated wafer. Variation in resistance of the coating between contacts and wafer produces a change of current through the cell.

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The physical picture of this change may be explained by semiconductor theory. When a photon impinges on the surface of a photoconductive cell, an electron hole pair is created. The electron pair rises to the conduction band where the hole recombines, but the electron continues to move, causing a conduction current. This conduction current, flowing-through the photoconductive material, causes the change in resistance.

As the number of photons increases (greater light intensity), more electrons are freed and resistance further decreases. With less light, resistance increases. Figure B shows the relation between resistance and illumination.

There are several types of contact configurations currently used on photoconductive cells which give the cell greater design flexibility than the photovoltaic type. A typical cell has two contacts, with the resistance being measured across them, Figure C. This type can be manufactured more easily. It is used where extreme sensitivity is not necessary or where the light source is

very narrow.

There are also interdigital cells which have many small interlocking contacts, Figure D. This cell is recommended for jobs requiring maximum sensitivity or applications using a broad light source. Each contact becomes a small resistor in parallel with the others. By increasing the number of parallel contacts, the sensitivity is greatly increased without changing the cell area. Should a particular design require a cell of a certain area, in most cases a new contact mask with finer, more closely spaced contacts is all that is needed. With selenium photovoltaic cells this is not possible.

other hand, selenium photovoltaic cells have a limited sensitivity. Obtaining milliampere outputs from a selenium cell requires hundreds or thousands of footcandles. The only limit on the output of the photoconductive cell is its designed power rating.

Small size—This allows for instrument miniaturization. In devices where the viewing angle of the light detector is important, small viewing angles can be designed with a minimum of optical accessories. Exposure meters are now available with acceptance angles or angles of view of only 2 deg. For example, light levels of 0.001 ft-candle can be measured with a cell whose active area is only 0.004 sq in.

Hermetic sealing—This has made the photoconductive cell virtually unaffected by environment. Cells have been run in temperatures from 185 deg F to minus 58 deg F with no adverse effects. Permanent change in cell output due to these temperatures was no more than

#### How Cells Have Been Used

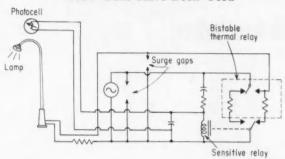


FIG. 2. Automatic street light switch. Circuit is shown in the daytime or off position. When light has diminished to a predetermined level, cell resistance rises and the relay is energized, in turn energizing the left heater. Light goes on when the heater has caused the bistable relay to trip. The same relay disconnects the heater as it turns on the lamp. At dawn the operation is reversed.

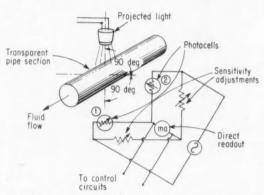


FIG. 3. A turbidimeter. Two photocells are located at right angles to each other on the outside of a transparent pipe carrying the liquid to be measured. A light source is projected directly at one cell and at 90 deg to the other. Cell No. 1 measures light transmitted through the liquid and cell No. 2 measures light scattered by the liquid. As the liquid becomes more turbid, cell No. 2 will receive more light. The cells' outputs are initially adjusted to balance the bridge circuit when liquid turbidity is some known value. Any deviation from the standard will unbalance the circuit.

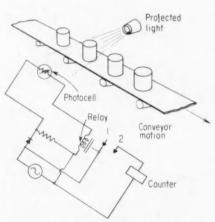


FIG. 4. Counter for assembly lines. Circuit is shown in normal position with photocell resistance low and relay energized, preventing current flow to counter. When an object passes between the lamp and the photocell, cell resistance increases, dropping out the relay and (position 2) energizing the counter. After the object has passed the circuit returns to normal. Cells are capable of counting light pulses up to 100 cps.

the change in a standard selenium cell subjected to the same temperatures. Selenium cells when hermetically sealed are three to five times more expensive and much larger than photoconductive cells.

As temperature increases photocell resistance decreases. The percentage of resistance change is a function of the light falling on the cell. Percentage change is illustrated in Figure 1, which is a plot of temperature vs change for 1, 10, and 100 ft-candles.

Voltage used can be ac or dc—Since the photoconductive cell can operate equally well on either, there is no need to design a stabilized dc amplifier since an ac amplifier can be used. Cell outputs are often high enough to operate relays without amplification.

#### Disadvantages

There are, however, some items on the debit side, namely:

Cost—Photoconductive cells cost about \$1.25 when bought in quantity and \$3.00 in small quantities. Since most cells are hermetically sealed they cannot compete with nonscaled selenium photovoltaic cells which cost only 30 to 50 cents, but as noted above, hermetically sealed selenium cells are much more costly than photoductive cells.

Lack of data—Because they have been in widespread use only a few years, there is limited operational data available on photoconductive cells. Accelerated life tests indicate that the photoconductive cell will be more than adequate for most measuring applications; however, difficulties such as cell drift, which may be caused by impurities sealed in during manufacture, have yet to be thoroughly investigated.

Need for outside power—The photoconductive cell is not self-generating, so it needs an outside power source. In most control systems this would not be a disadvantage since power is readily available, but in applications such as an exposure meter, the cell might be inconvenient since batteries would be required.

#### Successful applications

The photoconductive cell has already been applied successfully in industry. Three such applications are illustrated in Figures 2, 3, and 4. They show an automatic street light switch, a turbidimeter, and an assembly line counter, respectively.

If colored filters are placed over the active area of the cell, it can discriminate between colors. In the same manner it can also become an indicator of color density.

Temperature controllers also utilize the photoconductive cell. When the temperature indicator's pointer reaches some preset limit, it blocks a light source, causing a relay to trip. As these applications illustrate, the job need not be an on-off variety because the cell can respond to a continuously varying light source.

The fact that light puts no force on the object being measured is probably the major advantage of using light in control systems. Direct measurement is made possible which could be done in no other way. Wherever the transmission, reflection, or absence of light can be used to measure a parameter directly or indirectly, photoconductive cells can be applied to measure and control the product with virtually no limit to the applications.

## Collecting Process Data for an On-Line Digital Computer

THE GIST: When a digital computer is used for on-line control, process data must be supplied in a form compatible with computer input requirements. Data in analog form must be scanned, zero-suppressed, amplified, converted to digital form, and sequenced into the computer input register. The equipment which does all this is called a data collection system or data gathering system. This article describes an inexpensive data collection system developed and used by Phillips with a RECOMP II computer for on-line control of a thermal cracking furnace. The on-line service factor of this system was 100 percent during a seven-month program.

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A digital computer, RECOMP II, has been used for on-line control of a thermal cracking furnace in Phillips ethylene plant at Sweeny, Texas (Ref. 1). RECOMP II is designed to do engineering calculations (Ref. 2) and has no input equipment specifically provided for on-line collection of process data. Thus, a data collection system was developed and built to use RECOMP II for direct process control. The system translates analog signals from process transducers into digital signals whose form and timing are compatible with the computer's input characteristics (Ref. 3).

The computer program for the thermal cracking furnace requires data from 23 process variables: 16 thermocouple measurements, and seven pressure measurements represented by dc millivolt signals from pneumatic to electric (P/E) transducers. Some of the thermocouples, the cold junction, and all of the P/E transducers were a part of a data collection system already in use for other purposes. But existing systems did not translate data to the digital code required for the computer, so a parallel independent data collection system was designed.

Figure 1 shows the data collection system. Individual signals from process variable transducers pass through input filters to the analog sequencer or scanning device. The filters equalize power line noise on the signal input lines, isolate input circuits of the two parallel data systems, and limit input change rate to the amplifier.

Stepping switches scan the input signals at 1 point per sec. This rate is adequate considering

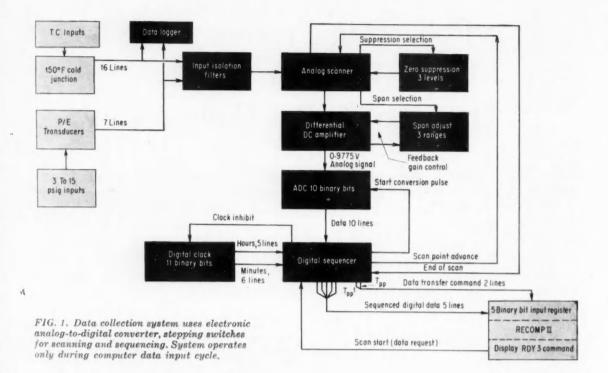
that only 23 variables are scanned and that the problem solution time in the computer is about thirty minutes. Scanning rate is low enough that a single, limited-bandwidth amplifier can amplify low level signals from the analog scanner.

The input signals are zero-suppressed at the input to the amplifier. Range or span is set by changing the amplifier gain. An analog-to-digital converter (ADC) changes analog signals from the amplifier to the straight-binary digital code used by the computer. This reduces computer time and storage which would otherwise be needed for code conversion. The ADC converts dc inputs to a resolution of ten bits.

A digital sequencer then processes the digitized data from the ADC and transfers it to the computer. Because the computer input register can accept only five simultaneous bits of binary data a complete binary input word of ten bits from the ADC must be transferred serially in two groups. (In addition a digital clock with an eleven bit output requires three serial groups of five parallel bits.)

#### Data gathering systems are simpler than data loggers

There is a basic difference in design philosophy between a data logger and a computer data gathering system. A data logger provides information, possibly computed information, in engineering units with the decimal point properly located. A computer data gathering system, however, must provide a digital computer with meaningful information having the highest possible resolution. This information need not be meaningful to engineers, but only to the computer with its stored program. The computer converts the high resolution information to engineering units without additional hardware, thus taking advantage



of the computer's speed and flexibility to keep simple the data gathering hardware.

The limit on system resolution is the noise output of the low level amplifier or the length and accuracy of the binary word out of the The total output analog-to-digital converter. voltage span of the amplifier must be properly used on each input variable to get the best signalto-noise ratio out of the amplifier. This requires zero suppression at the input to the amplifier and adjustment of the amplifier gain. example, a signal which varies from 10 millivolts to 20 millivolts should have 10 millivolts zerosuppressed, which leaves a 0 to 10 millivolt signal for input to the amplifier. If the maximum output voltage range of the amplifier is 0 to 10 volts, the amplifier gain should be set at 1,000, so that the full range represents the change in the input variable. If the input signal is not zero-suppressed a maximum gain of 500 can be used and the meaningful information would be compressed between 5 volts and 10 volts at the amplifier output.

The same reasoning applies to the ADC to insure maximum possible resolution of the information at its output: the meaningful information should be properly zero-suppressed and spanned to make the analog input to the ADC vary over its maximum available range.

#### Step-by-step through the system

• Isolation filters. Figure 2 shows input filters between the transducer outputs and the analog scanner. The input filter time constant was set

at approximately 1.8 sec, based on estimates of the rate of change of transducer outputs and the errors introduced by switching of the transient filter at the amplifier input. With the network the parallel data logger has an input error of

$$[0.46V (e^{-0.8t} - e^{-188t})]$$
 millivolts,

where V is the transducer open circuit output voltage in volts. For the worst case, a zero to full scale change in signal level between adjacent switch inputs, a maximum instantaneous error of 0.04 percent of full scale occurs approximately 32 millisec after the switch is closed.

• Analog scanner and amplifier. The stepping switch which sequences the analog signals to the amplifier input also selects the proper zero suppression and amplifier gain.

The transducer signals are amplified by a dc differential amplifier of high input impedance, low noise level, and rather narrow bandwidth. The differential input feature contributes greatly to increased system accuracy by reducing noise introduced on the signal input lines from 60 cps power lines and equipment. Over-all system noise is about 0.1 percent of full scale output. A separate instrument ground used for all equipment also contributes to the low noise level (Ref. 4).

The full scale signals from the various transducers cover a range from 12.6 to 29.08 millivolts, so it is necessary to scale these signals to fit the full range of the ADC. A gain (span) selection circuit in the amplifier does this scaling. The feedback network around the output section of the differential amplifier was modified to permit selec-

tion of the exact gain required to raise each maximum signal level to 9.775 volts at the ADC input. These signals are then binary coded from 0 to 1,000 at the ADC output.

• Analog-to-digital converter. The input filter time constant (1.8 sec) limits the maximum rate of change in signal voltage that can exist at the ADC input (Ref. 5). Ambiguous conversions by the ADC are minimized because the conversion time is fast enough so that the voltage change during a conversion period is less than the least significant bit. This eliminates the need for sample and hold circuitry.

The initial rate of change for a full scale transient at the transducer output is

$$e_o = E(1 - \epsilon^{-t/RC})$$

in which:

E= full scale ADC input, 9.775 volts  $t=50\times 10^{-8}$  sec, the conversion time of the ADC RC=1.8 sec

$$e_{\rm o} = 9.775 \left(1 - \epsilon \frac{-50 \times 10^{-6}}{1.8}\right) = 270 \text{ microvolts}$$

This is the maximum voltage change which can occur during a conversion interval and represents

$$(270 \times 10^{-4}/9.775)$$
  $(100) = 0.00275$  percent

of the full ADC range. Thus the data is converted accurately without sample and hold techniques.

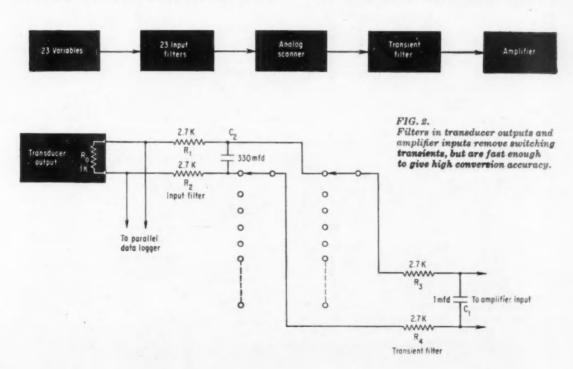
• Digital clock. A system clock tells the computer in binary code the time when each data scan is completed. The hours word is generated by a stepping switch and is represented by five binary bits for 0 through 23 hours. A minutes word consisting of six binary bits representing

minutes 0 through 59 is generated by two more stepping switches. Clock advance pulses are supplied by 1 rpm synchronous timer operating from the 60 cycle power line. An inhibit pulse applied to the clock by the digital sequencer prevents clock advance during time-signal read-in to the computer. In this case the clock advance pulse is stored until read-in is completed.

• Digital sequencer. The digital sequencer breaks up each data word from the ADC into groups of five bits each and commands the computer to transfer each five bit group into its input register. Three groups of five bits each are transferred to computer storage through the input register for each scanner position. This is done to accommodate the 11 bit word for hours and minutes generated by the digital clock. The digital sequencer is started initially by a request for data from the computer (command RDY3). The entire data collection system is therefore active only during the computer input data routine during which the computer is programmed to receive a discrete number of data words. The analog scanner and ADC are controlled by the digital sequencer.

Figure 3 is a simplified diagram of the digital sequencer, which times the entire data collection system. Data are transferred to the computer by relays (RY1 to RY5) operated from five bank levels on a 26-point stepping switch. The switch steps at 4 steps per sec and allows entry of the scanned data to the computer register at 1 data point per sec. Although only three steps of the sequencer are required for transfer of a data word, a fourth step is used to allow for amplifier transient response (setting time).

Connections from the ADC output register to



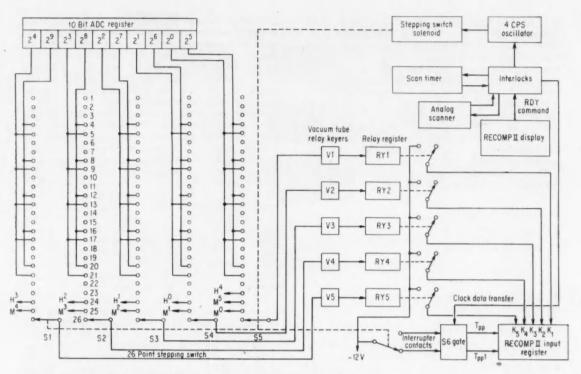


FIG. 3. Stepping switch and relay register in digital sequencer provide serial input to computer of 10-bit parallel output of analog-to-digital converter, Six cycles of this stepping switch are made to one of switch in scanner.

five switch bank levels allow five complete process data words to be transferred to the computer during one sequencer cycle. A thirty-first data word representing time in minutes and hours is transferred by switch positions 23, 24, and 25. Six cycles of the switch are used to transfer data for each cycle of the analog sequencer. This allows seven spare analog input channels. Clock information is transferred to the computer only when the analog reaches the thirty-first switch position and time is thus the last data word of a scan.

Since the computer input register interprets an open circuit as a zero, the relay register circuitry is arranged to transfer zeroes for all open connections on the stepping switch. Thus the five most significant bits of each process data word and the four most significant bits of each clock data word are always transferred as zeroes. This satisfies the requirement for transfer of 15-bit words to the input register.

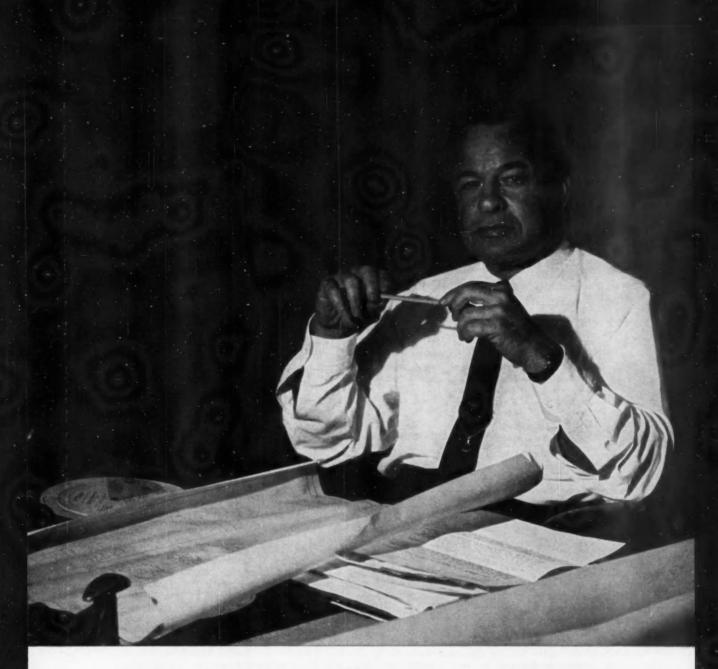
A transfer pulse  $(T_{pp})$  causes the data on lines  $K_1$ - $K_0$  to be transferred to the input register. The transfer pulse is generated by the digital sequencer interrupter contacts and is gated by a sixth level on the switch (S6 gate). This pulse occurs just before each advance to the next switch point and is gated to the input register only on positions 3, 4, 5; 7, 8, 9; 11, 12, 13; 15, 16, 17; and 19, 20, 21; plus positions 23, 24, and 25 only if the analog scanner is on switch position 31.

#### Properly applied stepping switches are reliable

Reliability was a prime design objective for the entire data gathering system. All stepping switch contacts make and break dry circuits (no current). Vacuum tube keyers drive the individual relay coils and stepping switch solenoids to reduce arcing and increase the operating life of the switch contacts. All stepping switch contacts are gold plated. During a seven-month program the on-line service factor of this system was 100 percent.

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## Computers Centralize Inventory Control at Square-D

Square-D has made significant corporate changes during past years to get as much benefit as possible from newer and faster information systems. Punched card tabulating equipment was replaced over a year ago with two IBM 305 RAMAC computers which have cut the time lag between sales and actual production from more than eight weeks to less than one week. All sales records and the inventory levels of finished products and component parts in each warehouse and the Milwaukee factory are maintained only by the computer at Milwaukee. Up-to-date information is supplied by the computer to local offices. Two 1401s now on order will replace the RAMACs to cut inventory levels and shorten delivery times still further.

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The Industrial Controller Div. of Square D supplies 12 warehouses and each warehouse serves four to 12 branch sales offices. Warehouses had maintained their own stock records for many years on punched card tabulating machines. Cardex file cards were kept for each stock item; the on-hand balance was updated whenever a sales office informed the warehouse of a sale. Sales offices also posted their own records under a general decentralization plan.

Company operations went smoothly for many years. Each warehouse kept separate records, and the Milwaukee plant still kept reasonable production levels. Early in the 1950's, however, sales volume increases brought problems into the open which had lain hidden in older operating methods.

When inventories dropped too low, warehouses sent requests for more stock to Milwaukee head-quarters; but these requests were sporadic, and sometimes arrived too late to prevent a warehouse from running out completely of different items. Often, eight to 12 weeks passed before warehouse stocks were replenished; and, in the meantime, sales offices might have taken orders which could not be filled from stock.

Sales offices made detailed sales reports infrequently, simply because there was not enough time. Summary reports sent to Milwaukee helped, but did not contain enough information for management to plan a thorough production schedule far in advance.

Communications between company offices was slow and insufficient. A branch sales office unable to fill an order directly from one warehouse would have to order from Milwaukee—because on-hand

stock records were kept by each warehouse, the sales office had to overlook the possibility that other warehouses might have more than enough stock to fill the order.

#### The answer was faster computers

At the time Square-D decided to use computers, business had grown 13 times greater since punched card tabulating equipment first was used in 1943. It was plain that good customer service could not be maintained without drastic operating changes.

Square-D made two major decisions: a change from decentralized to centralized record-keeping, and a speedup of interoffice communication. All warehouses would send statistical information daily to Milwaukee instead of posting it themselves on their own books. Every sales office would send daily a copy of every new customer order to Milwaukee, even before the order was shipped.

These changes eliminated on-hand balance records which warehouses used to have at their fingertips, which scared many employees and brought a common complaint: "How can we operate if we don't have our records?" The question solved itself: because of computer speed and daily reports, it was necessary only to keep Milwaukee informed, and Milwaukee did the rest. But Square-D still had to convince employees that they could have confidence in RAMAC.

Square-D spent two years planning for its computer system, using two specially-trained employees to set up the programs. A stockroom was remodeled to house the computers, complete with air conditioning, temperature-humidity recorders, and acoustical tile. Management informed all employees about the computer and its job, and held frequent training sessions with all department managers and foremen who would be affected by the new information system.

The first of two 305 RAMAC computers was

delivered in November 1957, and programmed to control 30,000 finished products and component parts. Each of 4,000 finished products is stored by a four-digit stock number compatible with the RAMAC address code. Each of 26,000 component parts is represented by a five-digit number. Every item is associated with Milwaukee stock records (100 bits), cross-reference information (100 bits), warehouse stock (200 bits), and combination information (70 bits); all information for any one item is grouped on five memory disc tracks.

The number of finished products stored in memory was minimized by listing only basic product types. For example, two models of a motor starter—one with and one without pushbuttons—are not stored separately. Pushbuttons and some other optional features are usually installed at warehouses, not at the factory. This basic decision freed nearly 10 percent of the memory for additional work.

The second 305 was delivered in February 1960. Its program takes care of billing, cost of sales, sales statistics, and salaried payroll. Square-D hopes to let computers do factory payroll and general accounting in the near future.

Although the new information system has integrated sales and production, warehouse stock replenishment is the major area of improvement. Most large companies have warehouse replenish-

ment systems, but Square-D's computer program does the job so quickly that production can be tailored to sales.

#### Diagram shows stock control routine

The following hypothetical example describes how quickly this stock control and production planning system can react to an unusually large order. It also illustrates a premise which underlies the entire information system: everything starts with the computer. The steps can be followed in the flow diagram of Figure 1, which continues across the following pages.

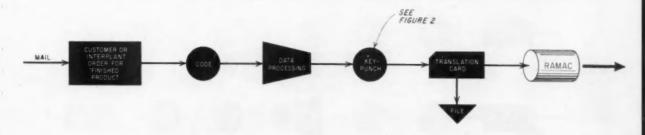
Monday . . . . Baltimore sales branch office receives order for 1,000 motor starters and all sales information is transcribed onto multi-part form. The order is sent to the Philadelphia warehouse which ships directly to customer. Two copies are sent immediately to Milwaukee headquarters.

Tuesday. . . . The morning mail brings the sales record to Milwaukee. A girl codes the order into machine langauge, and sends it to Data Processing, where it is keypunched onto a standard IBM card, Figure 2. This transaction card is fed into RAMAC to update all memory records for that particular motor starter: the number remaining in Philadelphia warehouse, the total number shipped this week and this month by Philadelphia, the total number shipped this month from Mil-

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FIG. 2. Girls in central Data Processing Dept. keypunch an average of 1,200 customer orders daily into transaction cards for entry into RAMAC.





Customer's order arrives at Milwaukee plant.

Order is coded into machine language.

sent to Data Processing Department, and key punched into IBM card. Original order is filed, and card is fed

FIG. 1. Simplified flow chart (continued on following pages) shows progress of single order through inventory control and production planning systems. Step by step progress through flow diagram is detailed in text.

waukee and all warehouses, and the total number remaining in Milwaukee stock. RAMAC then compares the total number remaining in Milwaukee with the present "order point"—or point at which a production order for motor starters will be issued.

The original order for 1,000 breaks the Milwaukee inventory order point. RAMAC thus kicks out a production order request card "suggesting"

that Milwaukee make more starters.

Wednesday . . . . A production planner gets production order request card, compares it with manually-kept stock record for that item, Figure 3. The stock record shows past sales records, ordering factors, standard quantity order amounts, and average monthly requirements. On the basis of these figures, the planner decides to issue a production order—adding human approval to a computer decision.

Thursday . . . . The planner sends approved production order request card back to Data Processing. A header card is keypunched showing number of motor starters to be manufactured. The header card is fed into RAMAC, Figure 4, along with two IBM card decks: a bill of material deck, and a factory routing deck. RAMAC updates all on-hand parts records, the on-order records for finished motor starters, prints out a bill of material list, punches out labor tickets for payroll.

and punches out a work order giving authority to manufacture.

The quantity of each component part in the starter is automatically retrieved from the RAMAC file. The header card requests 2,000 starters, and the quantity required for each component part to make 2,000 starters is printed on the card for each part. The result is a complete bill of materials card deck for 2,000 starters.

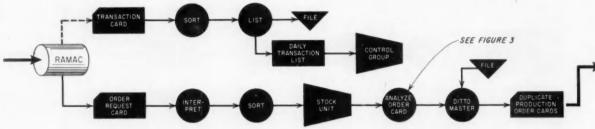
The same kind of information is stored for each component part as is kept for finished parts: the quantity on hand, quantity on order, average monthly requirements, manufacturing lead time, order point, etc. When the header card is fed into RAMAC, all quantity information is updated.

After compiling a bill of material deck, Data Processing sends the deck to the Material Control Dept. along with deck of work and assembly order cards which had been compiled previously from engineering drawings and route sheets. The work and assembly order cards indicate what shop equipment is required to make each component part, the order of each manufacturing operation, and the order in which the product is assembled. Lead times are indicated to enable planners to set production starting dates which will bring all parts together at the right time for final assembly. One batch of parts does not have to be stored while another batch is being manufactured, and

#### PLANNER SANCTIONS MAKE ORDER

FIG. 3. Production planner compares computer order for new production with manually maintained production and stock records as management check on computer.





RAMAC sees that customer's order breaks order point, makes order request card which goes to Stock Unit to be analyzed by Production Planner. Decision is made to produce standard quantity of parts. Ditto master is pulled and set of production order cards duplicated. shop employees and machines are not idle because they have to wait for a batch of parts to be completed in another operation.

Friday . . . . In a weekly planning session, management takes over with human decisions, Figure 5, after RAMAC has completed routine work. Shop load reports—also printed out by the computer—indicate present and planned load on each shop machine and on work force. With the aid of work and assembly order cards, plus these printouts, management can fit production of 2,000 motor starters into the present flow of materials without overloading either machines or employees.

Actually, management is planning production several weeks ahead—the order of 1,000 starters should be anticipated by prior planning. Square-D is able to do this because available sales information is never more than one week old, and can be fresh the same day.

Thus, four days after a Baltimore customer places his order, the Milwaukee plant is ready to manufacture enough items to replenish the Philadelphia warehouse and Milwaukee's own stock

delphia warehouse and Milwaukee's own stock. The same job used to take six to eight weeks. Actual replenishment might have been made within one week if the factory had enough stock on hand to meet this unusually large order. In fact, a warehouse frequently receives replenishment stock before an order can be shipped.

When the bill of material deck was compiled, two statistical changes were made in the computer memory: 2,000 starters were added to the Milwaukee on-order balance, and the quantity for each component part was extended by 2,000 assemblies. After the 2,000 starters are manufactured, another card is keypunched and fed into RAMAC which transfers all the above amounts from on-order to on-hand records.

Every week RAMAC prints out a warehouse replenishment shipping list. To do this, RAMAC checks every finished product for the quantity due each warehouse—the on-order balance. When a warehouse is located which needs more stock, and there are sufficient items on hand in Milwaukee stock, RAMAC prints out the warehouse location, product description, and quantity due.

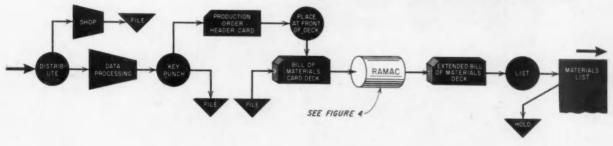
(If the quantity needed by a warehouse is less than one-tenth of the minimum allowable stock on hand, no replenishment is made. The amount needed is added to the quantity already due the warehouse from other orders to prevent uneconomical shipping. Thus, small replenishment orders are lumped into one larger order.)

Two copies of the warehouse replenishment printout are sent to the shipping department. As the stock man fills the order, he checks off directly on the first copy, Figure 6. When the order is packed and ready for shipment, the packer checks

#### RAMAC ORDERS ALL PARTS

FIG. 4. IBM 305 RAMAC computer maintains all stock records at factory and warehouses. At this point in order handling, RAMAC produces a complete bill of materials breakdown in the form of a deck of punched cards for all parts to be manufactured to fill order and return stocks to desired levels.





One production order card goes to the shop, and one goes to Data Processing,

is key punched with quantity of product to be made, and becomes header card

for bill of materials deck, which is extended by RAMAC to exact number of all component parts. All on-order records are updated, and a complete bill of materials list is printed. off on the second copy. In this way, the actual printout is utilized as a shipping and packing form in the warehouse.

This example described the process for just one customer order. Two daily mail deliveries in Milwaukee bring an average of 1,200 customer orders, and each one is put through the same process in random batches. Feeding customer orders into RAMAC is a continuing process done just as fast as orders come in. RAMAC looks for broken order points on each order, and records how many items each warehouse has on hand, etc. The net result is an inventory and production system with the benefits of perpetual inventory on a daily basis.

Utilizing computer speed, Square-D's Industrial Controller Division keeps production only one week behind actual sales; eventually, Square-D hopes to make sales and production curves match exactly by using larger computers with faster random-access memories.

Warehouse replenishment on this basis has allowed Square-D to level off inventories at lower quantities. Because Milwaukee can send new stock every week, inventories have been reduced as much as 30 percent compared to levels held before computers arrived. Inventories also remain fairly constant, at or close to desired levels, because production can be geared directly to a customer's

order. The company said it now saves many thousands of dollars yearly in warehousing costs alone.

#### The computers do other jobs

In addition to the daily job of controlling production and inventory, several equally important jobs are done monthly and yearly. In each case, the computers have produced excellent results, according to the company.

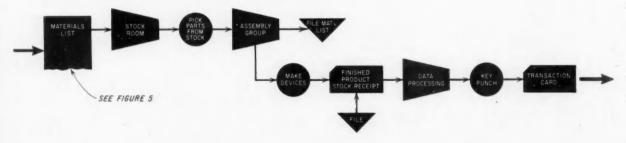
Square-D puts many new products on the market every year, and many of these make older designs obsolute. Prior to the computers, warehouse managers were unable to prepare adequately for new products; often they were caught at the end of the year with too many obsolete items. Now, tapes can be run months in advance showing what each warehouse has in stock. With this information, production and inventories can be modified to insure the least possible number of obsolete products still on the shelf at a year's end—giving space to the greatest number of new products.

Each year, Square-D evaluates its standard cost system for all parts and products. This detailed job involves production rates, purchasing, administrative costs, warehousing costs, labor costs, taxes, depreciation, profits, and many other kinds of information. The last time it was done before computers arrived, the job took nine months and



#### MANAGEMENT SCHEDULES SHOP LOAD

FIG. 5. Weekly management session to check RAMAC shop load reports against work and assembly order cards anticipates shop load for current orders to make shop space and labor available as needed.



Bill of materials goes to stock room on schedule set by management. Stock parts go to assembly/manufacturing group which makes other

parts necessary and assembles finished product. Production order card is pulled from file and updated with date and quantity to become finished stock receipt used to update RAMAC. cost \$50,000. With RAMAC, a better, more accurate evaluation was done in 90 days for \$15,000—a savings of six months and \$35,000. Cost per day dropped from \$312 with hand methods to \$167

with computers.

A yearly inventory is taken of all 30,000 stock items; by doing this, all excess inventory is located and can be cleaned out. The job used to be done in three months by 20 people. RAMAC and one man do a better job in six hours, just by telling the machine to print out a list of all items on hand and the quantities in every warehouse. In addition, RAMAC can compare these figures with sales forecasts to determine where changes should be made.

#### New 1401s will replace RAMACs

The Industrial Controller Div. has placed orders for two new IBM 1401 machines to replace the older 305s. The 1401s will handle present computer activity and have time left over for several new programs.

An entire week's work as described in the warehouse replenishment example may be done in a matter of seconds by the new 1401. In the example in Figure 1 there were more than five separate points where data was put in and taken out of the computer for manual processing. These manual operations can be programmed into the 1401 because it has a larger memory. The computer will decide whether to replenish warehouse stock, start new production, order more parts, and make other decisions now made manually. The 1401 will operate by itself on all routine cases, and flag out only exceptions to the rules for human decision.

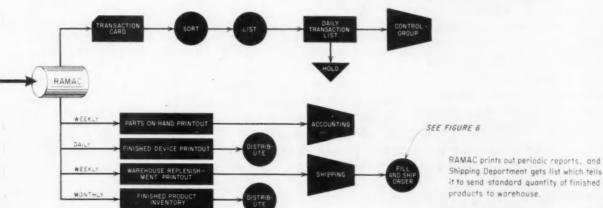
Variable order points is one of the projects Square-D is developing. Order points—the least number of items Milwaukee can have on hand before more must be ordered—are now set on the basis of knowledge, market research, experience, rules of thumb, and past sales records. The company is studying factors for an exponential smoothing equation which accounts for this information and which can be programmed into the computer. Result will be a further trimming of inventories, plus increased warehouse stability.

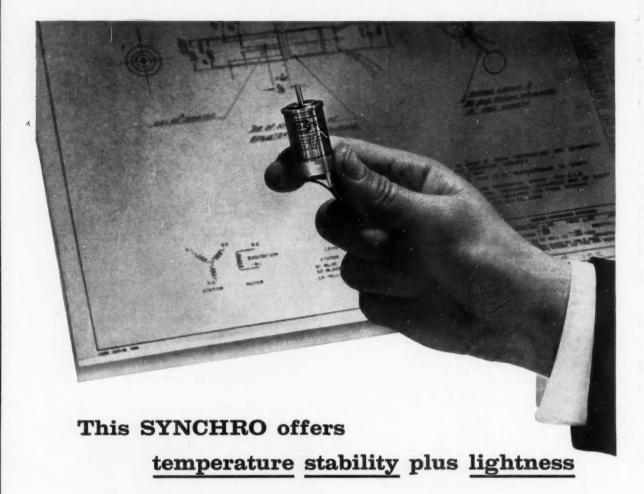
Many inventory items are purchased from vendors. When a vendor item order is broken, a purchase order must be written by hand. Square-D plans to make purchase order writing part of the 1401's job: when these order points are broken, the computer will print out a purchase order complete with quantity, part description, the vendor's name and address, and price extended by number of units. The only human touch will be a signature on the form before it goes out the door.

#### FACTORY SHIPS PRODUCTS

FIG. 6. Stockman checks items off directly on first copy of computer-printed order to replenish warehouse from factory stock.



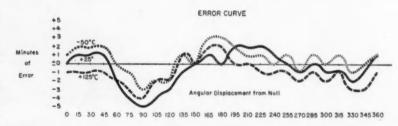




This Size 8 Daystrom Transicoil synchro provides temperature stability without increasing weight.

The encapsulated stator windings permit these units to be operated under severe environmental conditions. And, of greatest importance, in random sampling of Daystrom Transicoil Size 8 synchros, error shift from room temperature has not exceeded 2 minutes over the entire temperature range of -55C to +125C.

Daystrom Transicoil Size 8 "temperature stable" units are



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## Digital Inspector Grades Components

KLAUS H. JAENSCH Stromberg-Carlson Co.

This sorter (patent pending) automatically separates into 10 tolerance grades resistors, capacitors, inductors, ferrite cores, and other components whose properties can be measured by digital voltmeter or frequency counter. The readout of a single decimal counting unit of the digital meter characterizes the 10 grades. The step between grades is set by the range of indication chosen. For example, with a nominal value between 94 and 95 and a range of from 90 to 99 the last digit determines one of 10 possible grades in steps of nearly 1 percent. For 2 percent steps the ranges 40 to 49 or 50 to 59 would be used. Since most digital instruments have plus or minus 1 count accuracy, the least significant digit should be neglected and the next to last counting unit used for sorting.

The four-line binary coded decimal output of the digital counting unit controls the sorting mechanism sketched in Figure 1. Each line operates one or more rail switching flaps through a thyratron actuated solenoid.

The component drops through the forked chutes and is guided into one of the bins according to the positions of the various flaps. Potentials on the four lines of the preceding counting unit are checked by a decoder which operates the top solenoid in Figure 1 only if the right code is present. If not, the component is rejected.

Automatic operation requires the additional circuits and mechanisms shown in the block diagram, Figure 2. As soon as a component is present in the test jig the presence detector initiates the read cycle. A contact mechanism could be used here, but for greater reliability the detector is an L-C oscillator designed not to oscillate when the wire lead of a component is in the field of the coil. When oscillation stops, the makecontact amplifier and solenoid connect the component to a test circuit which varies with the type of component sorted. At this time, the startcounter circuit resets the digital meter to zero by briefly interrupting the negative potential it has kept on the "inhibit reset" terminals to hold the previous display. The meter now reads the output of the test circuit. Most digital instruments also have "count completed" signal output terminals. The potential available here is positive during the short time the instrument is counting and negative from count completion until the next reset. The change from positive to negative switches the bistable make-contact circuit to remove the contacts from the component. The same signal trips the monostable probe-release amplifier and solenoid which retracts a mechanical stop and drops the component into the chutes.

When sorting resistors, the test circuit can be a constant current generator adjusted to produce the desired voltage drop across a resistor of nominal value. The drop is then read with a digital voltmeter. An alternate circuit employs a stable voltage source and a precision series resistor. By choosing proper values of voltage and resistance, the step between grades can be made an even value. The same arrangements can be used to sort capacitors if the applied voltage is stabilized sinusoidal ac and the digital instrument will measure ac voltages.

Inductors to be sorted are connected as frequency determining components of an L-C oscillator. Since C is fixed the oscillation frequency is

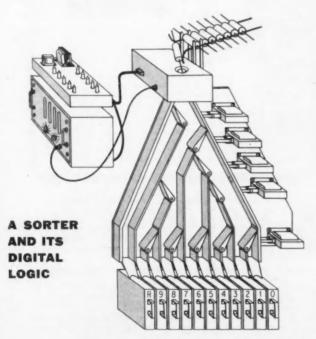


FIG. 1. Counter operated flaps channel components into one of 11 bins.

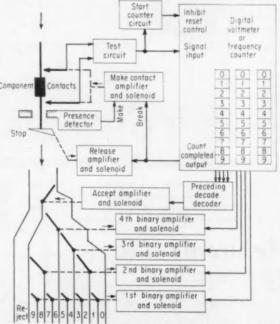
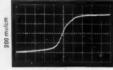


FIG. 2. Control circuits use connections normally available on digital instruments.

## Switching Time of a Tunnel Diode ...with a Type N Unit



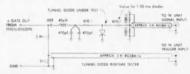
Typical waveform of gallium arsenide tunnel diode.

A Tektronix Type N Pulse-Sampling Unit enables you to convert your oscilloscope into a Pulse-Sampling Scope with risetime of 0.6 nanosecond.

Your Pulse-Sampling Scope—without auxiliary equipment—fits many applications. For example, the schematic illustrates

an easy way to test tunnel (ESAKI) diodes with nanosecond switching speeds. In this typical application the oscilloscope provides both a pretrigger for the Type N Unit and a delayed current-ramp source for the tunnel diode.

Other pulse-sampling applications requiring only the oscilloscope and Type N Unit include those wherein a repe-

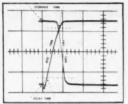


titivesignal has a ½ to 2 volt, 45 to 200 nanosecond pre-trigger, or a repetition rate from 10 to 50 megacycles.

### High-Frequency Characteristics

#### of a Transistor ...with a Type **R** Unit

A Tektronix Type R Transistor-Risetime Unit enables you to trigger the oscilloscope sweep either on the start of a test pulse or on both the start and



Calibrated vertical display in ma/cm of collector current.

finish—to display delay, rise, storage, and fall times simultaneously.

Risetime of the pulse supplied by the Type R Unit is less than 5 nanoseconds (amplitude 0.02 to 10 volts across 50 ohms, positive or negative), but overall risetime depends partially upon your Tektronix Oscilloscope. For example, typically 12 nsec—with Types 541A, 543, 545A, 555, 581, 585; 14 nsec—with Type 551; 23 nsec—with Types 531A, 533, 535A; 31 nsec—with Type 532.

## Evaluating Semiconductor Devices?

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## Waveform Analysis of a Fast Diode ...with a Type S Unit



Typical display of diode reverse-recovery characteristics—with forward current at 20 ma and reverse current at 0.1 ma. A Tektronix Type S Diode-Recovery Unit\* enables you to display and measure both forward and reverse switching characteristics of semiconductor diodes. You can determine effective lifetimes to 2 nanoseconds, stored charge to 10 picocoulombs, junction capacitance to 2 picofarads, and base resistance to 0.25 ohm. Parameters measured from the curves can be used to predict the behavior of many diodes in many circuits, as well as compare diodes for performance in a particular circuit.

\*Overall risetime depends partially upon your Tektronix oscilloscope—typically the same as listed with the Type R Unit.

#### E/I Display of a Zener Diode

#### ...with a Type **Z** Unit

A Tektronix Type Z Differential-Comparator Unit provides an equivalent vertical scale length up to ±2000

equivalent vertical scale length up to  $\pm 2000$  centimeters at 50 my/cm, enabling you to accurately resolve incremental voltage or current changes in semiconductor

With Zener diodes, for example, you can display Zener voltage as a function of current or temperature. You can clearly show several important Zener diode instabilities, including white noise and microplasmas (multiple-break-down phenomena at low junction currents).

The waveform illustrates instabilities of a 1/4 watt Zener diode. With Zener voltage of 106 v at 0.75 ma and Zener impedance (calculated) of 170 \( \Omega\) over the current range of 0.75 to 1.34 ma, the microplasmas shown indicate that this Zener diode should not be operated below 0.24 ma.



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 Type S Diode-Recovery Unit
 \$250

 Type R Transistor-Risetime Unit
 300

 Type N Pulse-Sampling Unit
 600

 Type Z Differential-Comparator Unit
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 (prices f.o.b. factory)



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inversely proportional to the square root of L. For small deviations, a plus p percent variation in L is equivalent to a minus p/2 percent change in frequency. Frequency is measured with a digital frequency meter whose output operates the sorting mechanism. To use the meter for straight frequency measurement, the oscillation frequency has to be a decimal multiple of the counter range chosen. In some cases this may be very different from the frequency at which the coils should be checked. Then instead of using the standard 1-sec clock pulses normally applied to the counter's

gate, the counter can be used to measure the ratio between the frequency of oscillation and a stable, standard frequency applied to the gate from an external generator.

Ferrite cores are sorted in a similar manner except that an air-wound coil is permanently connected in the resonant circuit of the oscillator. The cores are inserted into this coil and determine the final inductance value. The make-contact amplifier and solenoid are not required, and, if the test circuit is designed not to oscillate with the plain air coil, neither is the presence detector.

Sorting allows components with poor manufacturing tolerance to be assembled to meet rigid specifications. Ferrite cores with a wide tolerance of permeability can be used for making chokes with a ten times narrower inductance tolerance if they are sorted and a different number of turns of wire is applied to each grade. Inductors and capacitors for filters can be graded, and inductors of grade 0 assembled with capacitors of grade 9, and so on. In this way, the tolerance of the combination is kept ten times narrower than if components were combined indiscriminately.

## Road Load Computer Brings Highway to Lab

DON WINSTON McGraw-Hill News

An electronic analog computer, Figure 1, has enabled a major West Coast oil company to pull at least 80 percent of its former road testing into the laboratory. Developed by Donner Scientific Co. (now a part of Systron-Donner), the computer operates through a controller and power amplifier to regulate the torque applied by dynamometer rollers to the rear wheels of a test vehicle. Almost any highway conditions can be simulated.

In conventional road testing, trained drivers take the cars over a standard course at preselected speeds and accelerations. Recorders continuously measure engine performance while the driver tests different blends of gasoline by switching fuel lines connected to several gas cans. Later analysis of the tapes gives a profile of gasoline performance in the vehicle. Considerable time is wasted in driving to the course and returning, and wind and temperature variations affect results.

The job of the road load computer is to vary the current to the dynamometer field windings to accurately reflect the torque that would be encountered by the rear wheels of the car in an actual road test. Built into the system, Figure 2, is a feedback loop which compares measured torque with the computed value. Speed of the rollers is measured with a tachometer whose readings are fed to the computer. Acceleration is then computed via a time derivative. Net velocity with respect to wind affects the vehicle's wind resistance, and this must be taken into account in deriving the torque signal.

Two sets of parameters must be set into the computer by the operator.

One set contains the known characteristics of the car and includes the rolling resistance of the front wheels, the air resistance factor (effective area times an aerodynamic coefficient), and the weight of the vehicle. These constants are maintained throughout the test. The second set of parameters involves the variables of grade and wind direction. Uphill and downhill grades of up to 30 percent, and headwinds and tailwinds up to 100 mph can be simulated. From these fac-

tors the computer derives an appropriate torque signal. The operator can dial a 5 percent grade and a 30 mph headwind, and the driver riding the rollers will feel the corresponding pressure on his car's rear wheels. When the operator dials a sharp downgrade, the driver will feel the need to step on the brakes.

To prevent unrealistic engine overheating, a wind generator produces air circulation consistent with the simulated speed of the vehicle.



FIG. 1. The computer operator sets up road conditions.

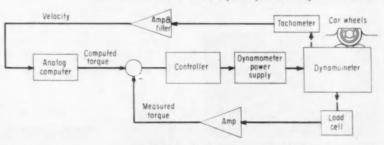


FIG. 2. Test system compares measured and computed torques.



The RS2 Recording Digital Voltmeter – now in volume production at Non-Linear Systems, Inc. – scans up to 20 double-pole input channels . . . measures DC voltage from  $\pm 0.001$  to  $\pm 999.9$  with  $\pm 0.01\%$  accuracy . . . and records input channel number and the 4-digit voltage measurement. Uses include research and development, quality control, environmental and reliability testing.



Volume production and simplified controls of the RS2 account for its low cost - half to a third less than custom-built units.



Plug-in stepping switches in the digital volt-meter section of the RS2 permit replacement of all switches and decade resistors in minutes all switches and instead of days.



Note the compact, plug-in modular design of the scanner-printer section of the RS2.

#### NLS Reports on Low-Cost, Standard Data Logger

A low-cost automatic data logger built as an integrated scanning, measuring and printing system - the RS2 Recording Digital Voltmeter - is now in volume production at Non-Linear Systems, Inc.

This economy-priced NLS logger is designed for applications requiring high accuracy and low cost without need for the higher speed and greater input capacity of higher cost NLS systems. Simplified controls offer several automatic and manual modes of operation to meet the needs of a great number of applications.

While utilizing many circuits field-tested for six years in thousands of NLS digital voltmeters, the RS2 has undergone extensive testing as a standard, complete system. It is delivered ready to use, without need for additional engineering or complex interconnections.

Call your NLS regional office or representative for a demonstration, or write NLS.

#### RS2 BRIEF SPECIFICATIONS

Visual Indication: 4-digit voltage reading with correct polarity and range. 2 digits for input channel identification.

Range-Polarity Indication: automatic

Functions: acanning up to 20-double-pole chan-nels; measuring DC voltage from ±0.001 to ±99.9 in ranges of ±9.999/99.99/999.9; printing channel number, 4-digit reading, polarity and decimal point placement.

Accuracy: ±0.01% of full scale on each range. Speed: 2 seconds average for each data point scanned, measured and recorded.

Scanner Operation Modes: AUTO CYCLE - sys-

tem continually repeats automatic scanning cycle from channel 00 to 19. ONE CYCLE—system automatically stops after scanning channel 19. PRINT—one input is measured without advancing scanner. Scanner may be manually advanced one channel at a time by depressing front panel ADVANCE button. AC Voltage: Use NLS AC/DC Converter.

Low-Level DC: Use NLS Model 140 Preamplifier. Input Impedance: 10 megs on all ranges. Size: 14" high, 154" deep for 19" rack.

Delivery: From stock. 30 days, maximum, should stocks become depleted.



Originator of the Digital Voltmeter

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# **Analyzer Counts and Times Amplitude Excursions**

P. R. THOMAS, General Electric Co.

Manual reduction of test data is often highly repetitive and can waste a great deal of engineering time. The analyzer described here takes electrical analog data from a magnetic tape recorder and automatically turns out digital information in a form that is directly usable in statistical analysis. It will count the number of times a variable exceeds a given reference, or total the time that the variable exceeds the reference. To do a probability distribution analysis it is only necessary to run several counts using various reference levels, after which subtraction will provide data that can be plotted as a probability curve. An amplitude slicer used with the rest of the analvzer will eliminate the need for sub-

Figure 1A is a functional diagram of the analyer when operating in the counting mode. An electrical analog of the variable is fed to a linear amplifier/gate combination. When the gate is opened on external command, the amplified signal goes to a counter, which has been preset for some number of counts, and to an amplitude comparator. Positive or negative excursions or both can be counted on the preset counter. At the same time, these excursions are compared with a self-contained 0-10-volt reference in a comparator which produces an output only when the input exceeds the reference. These output pulses are counted by the events-per-unit-time (EPUT) meter. After the preset total of excursions has been registered

on the first counter, the input gate is closed. The preset counter then shows the total number of excursions from zero which were seen by the analyzer, and the EPUT meter shows how many of these events exceeded the reference level. Figure 1B shows a typical random input and the portions of it that would be counted at two different reference levels. Some ambiguity is possible in this mode.

Figure 2A shows how the equipment is set up for timing. The interconnections are somewhat different. and two gates have been added. Here the input signal, after passing through the amplifier and gate, is fed to the comparator only. When the signal exceeds the reference, gate 2 is op-ened allowing the EPUT meter to count its own clock pulses. When the signal is below reference level, the EPUT meter does not count. Gate 3, synchronized with the input gate, allows the preset counter to count all clock pulses and register total analysis time. When the preset number of counts (time) is reached, gate 1 closes, cutting off the input. The EPUT meter then registers the amount of time the input was above the reference. Figure 2B shows the same random input as Figure 1B. Here no ambiguity exists.

The amplitude comparator of Figure 2A can be replaced with a slicer (dual comparator) which provides an output only when the input variable is between the limits A and  $A + \Delta A$ . The EPUT meter will then count the

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FIG. 3. The analyzer is assembled from standard components.

time the input signal spends between levels A and  $A + \Delta A$ .

The analyzer was put together from stock components and instruments, most of which can do double duty in other applications. From top to bottom in Figure 3 are a Philbrick A-100 B power supply; a Hupp (Erie Instru-mentation) Model 400 counter-timer; an Erie Instrumentation Model 320-D preset counter; an SKL Model 302 dual variable electronic filter for signal conditioning; the basic analyzer, lab-constructed using stock plug-in amplifiers, gates, and flip-flop; and a locally constructed operational amplifier manifold for signal preamplification and conditioning if desired. If the counter, gates, and flip-flops are available, such a device could be constructed temporarily on any general purpose analog computer.

One use is the determination of duty cycles (percent of time above indicated speed or acceleration) of motors and vehicles.

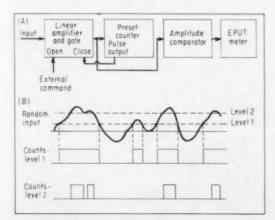


FIG. 1. Signal excursions which exceed a reference are counted.

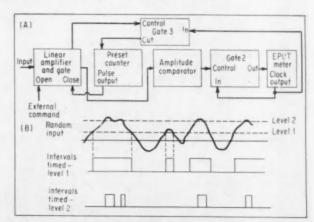
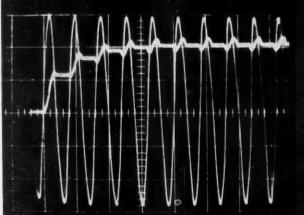


FIG. 2. With two more gates, the time the signal exceeds the reference can be totaled.

## AC MEASUREMENT

FAST AND PRECISE



#### FAST ACQUISITION

Superimposed input and output waveforms show the fast response time of Adage's Type ACS1 AC Averager. Short filter time constant allows the steady state value to be achieved quickly.

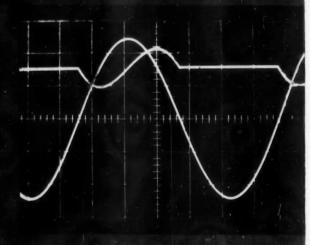
#### PRECISE MEASUREMENT

The ripple present in the output waveform does not interfere with the precision of the measurement. Timing circuitry insures that the voltage measured is that value present during the interval when the output is ripple free.

Modern instrumentation systems demand equipment to make fast, precise measurements of AC signal waveforms. This required combination of speed and accuracy is beyond the capability of conventional techniques. For example, a conventional diode-capacitor AC/DC converter requires at least three seconds settling time to make 60 cps measurements. When many different signal sources must be scanned and measured successively, this slow response time limits seriously the overall system speed.

Slow response time is also a disadvantage in AC carrier systems. The transformer-driven diode bridge demodulators conventionally used as phase-sensitive AC measurement instrumentation for these systems have inherent limitations in both speed and accuracy. They tend to compromise the performance of instrumentation systems using them.

There has been, then, a clear need for innovation in the field of AC measurement. Responding to this need, Adage has developed several new AC measurement techniques. Among these is the fast-averaging technique illustrated in the accompanying waveform photographs. This technique offers substantially improved performance both for self-synchronous and phasesensitive measurements. Response time, for example, is improved by more than a factor of ten to one. Used in conjunction with precision voltage to digital converters, modules implementing these new measurement methods have been successfully applied in many industrial and military instrumentation systems. A typical solidstate, AC Signal Conditioner is comprised of three 5" x 8" epoxy fibreglass circuit modules, easily incorporated in any of the Adage VOLDI-CON® voltage to digital converters.



Applications notes and technical data describing in detail Adage's AC instrumentation capability is available upon request.



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## **NOR Gates Control Conveyors**

W. J. KORCHAK General Motors Corp.

A static control system has been applied to two automatic side frame loaders at the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac Div. assembly plant in Arlington, Tex. The system, called Norpak by its manufacturer, Square D Co., uses NOR gates almost exclusively. A NOR gate has an output if none of its

inputs is present.

In the sequence shown in Figure 1, a charge conveyor loads automobile side frames onto an air motor driven, solenoid actuated bridge crane. This bridge crane automatically loads the frames onto a moving truck containing the underbody and rear compartment pan. The truck is carried on the main conveyor. There are two such charge conveyor and bridge crane setups, one for each side of the car; the systems are identical, though interconnected. They operate simultaneously, coming together at the truck to form a complete assembly, so synchronization is a prime factor for efficient operation.

When a side frame is completely on the bridge crane, it actuates a limit switch LS4, releasing the bridge crane latch, deenergizing the charge conveyor, and energizing the bridge crane motor, Figure 2. If LS4 is closed, it supplies a signal to NOR's 1, 11, and 16, giving them no output. Assuming that the power input is off to all the NOR's and that LS1 and LS2 are not closed, NOR 1 is off, turning NOR 2

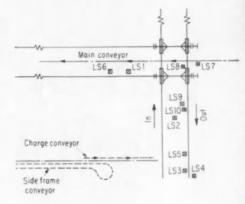
on. This energizes the latching mechanism, releasing the crane.

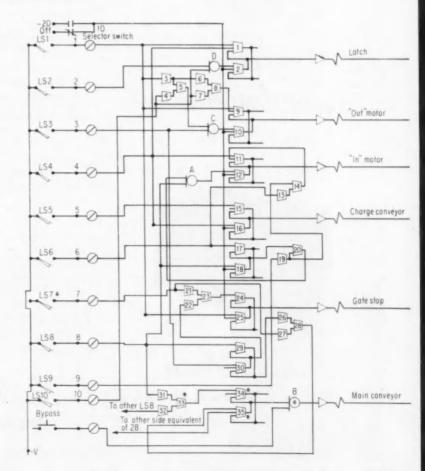
Because NOR 16 is off, the charge conveyor stops. Now because NOR 11 is off and so long as OR A is off, NOR 12 is on, turning on the "in" motion motor. Figure 2 also shows that if the bridge crane reaches the

position of LS9 (almost to the conveyor loading point), the bridge crane "in" motor stops as LS9 closes if LS6 has not been closed. Closing LS9 turns NOR 19 off. This gives one off signal to NOR 20. As long as LS6 has not yet closed, giving the other off signal to NOR 20 (through

FIG. 1. The loading system's bridge crane moves transverse to the charge conveyor and the main conveyor, picking up frames from one and loading them on the other. A second bridge crane system is located on the other side of the main conveyor. Limit switches mentioned in the text and located here are described in the table below.

FIG. 2. Logic system for the frame loader indicates NOR elements as wedge shaped boxes, OR's as circles with a tangent line. All logic elements have counterparts in the second loader except starred ones which are common to both sides.





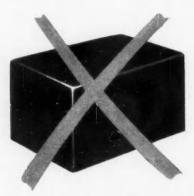
#### FUNCTIONS OF LIMIT SWITCHES

- LS1 Energizes latch mechanism Deenergizes gate stop Energizes "out" motor
- LS2 Deenergizes latch mechanism
- LS3 Deenergizes "out" motor
- LS4 Energizes latch mechanism Energizes "in" motor Deenergizes charge conveyor
- LS5 Energizes charge conveyor
- LS6 If LS6 is not made before LS9 (by bridge crane moving in), bridge crane stops
- LS7 Energizes gate stop. Stops main conveyor if both bridge cranes are not in position to load
- LS8 Deenergizes "in" motor
- LS9 See LS6
- LS10 If LS1 and LS10 are made simultaneously, "out" motor stops

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NOR's 17 and 18), NOR 20 is on, turning on OR A, and deenergizing the bridge crane "in" motor. However if LS6 has closed, NOR's 13 and 20 are off, so the motor remains running. This interlock arrangement assures that the bridge crane will not reach its unload point before the previous truck (sensed by LS6) is out of the way. Also shown by the logic diagram of Figure 2, LS8 stops the bridge crane when it is in position for unloading.

At the unload point the control system (via LS2) sets the latching mechanism (by deenergizing it) to hold the bridge crane in place. Simultaneously, the bridge crane motor solenoid is deenergized (via LS8 through OR A). A gate stop holds the side frame away from the truck for

clearance, Figure 3. When the truck is in the right spot, LS7 releases the gate stop and the side frames (on each side) swing into position and lock in place. The LS8's on both sides also stop the main line conveyor if either bridge crane is not in position.

When the side frame has cleared the bridge crane, LSI deenergizes the gate stop, releases the bridge crane latch, and energizes the "out" motor so the crane can pick up another load.

In justifying the cost of this static control system over conventional relays, GM used this rule of thumb: if in a relay control circuit of medium complexity a number of loads are each controlled by five or more interlocking relay contacts, then the cost of the static system is close to that of a conventional control system.

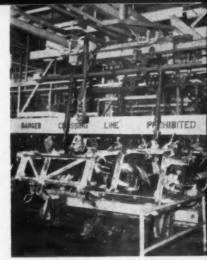


FIG. 3. Gate stops hold side frame away from truck until two frames and truck are aligned.

## Water Tank Rids Ships of Roll

A new system for damping out the roll of a ship at sea consists of little more than a specially shaped tank of water. Unlike more elaborate fin stabilizers (see CtE, March '59, p. 99, for one example), its action is the same whether the ship is underway or hove to. Designed by John J. McMullen Associates, Inc., the system contains one or more pairs of tanks with connecting flumes, Figure 1, installed athwartships. The tanks are filled to a predetermined level with water or other liquid. The flume noz-zles, i.e., the rounded vertical corners where the flume and tanks are joined, are designed so that the free surface moment of the partially filled tanks lags the corresponding moment for static inclination of the ship by 90 deg. Water flowing into the tank on the side of the ship trying to rise dampens the roll.

Flume stabilization tanks can be made part of the hull structure in new vessels, and existing bulkheads can be utilized when the system is added to an operating ship. These stabilizers are now in use in the liner Matsonia, the oceanographic ship Vema, and several U.S. Navy missile tracking ships. Figure 2 shows a 1/108 scale model of the Matsonia rolling in regular beam swells (1.7 deg surface wave slope) at its natural roll period (19 sec). The maximum roll is only 3 deg. If the water in the flume is replaced by a like weight of solid ballast the roll is 14 deg under the same wave conditions. The location of the tanks is not particularly important. In the Matsonia, a 7½ x 18 x 70 ft stabilizer was built into part of an

unused cargo hold halfway between the aft stack and the stern at the water line. In the Vema there was no space available below decks, so the tanks were located atop the pilot house. The cost of installing the stabilizer on the Matsonia was under \$200,000. Matson Line officials said it would have cost more than \$1,000,000 to install fin stabilizers, whose effectiveness varies with the speed of the ship.

In passenger ships the weight of water in the flume is only a small fraction of a percent of the ship's total displacement. If desired, a liquid cargo or reserve fuel can be used in the flume instead of water. The stabilizer cuts operating costs because the

reduction of roll and absence of a bilge keel (not required) reduces hull and wave resistance by about 7 percent. There is much less crockery and glassware breakage, an item which can run to \$50,000 a year in a ship the size of the Matsonia. The only added expense is that a lot more passengers show up for breakfast.

A less effective passive stabilizer, the Frahm U-tube system, was installed on some 40 ships around the turn of the century. Two pipes, one for water and one with a valve for air, connected tanks on either side of the vessel. This system had a tendency to destabilize the ship if too lightly damped, and the air venting between the tanks was noisy.

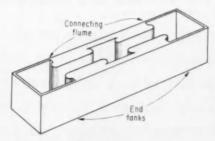
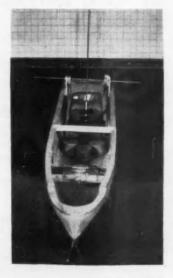
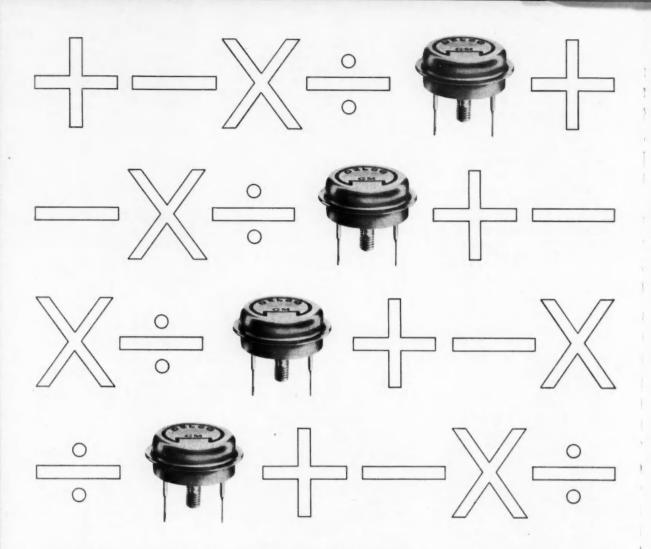


FIG. 1. Typical flume stabilizer. Two or more may be used.

FIG. 2. Model of the S.S. Matsonia rolling in artificial waves.
Flume system is in the foreground.

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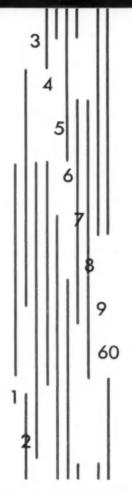
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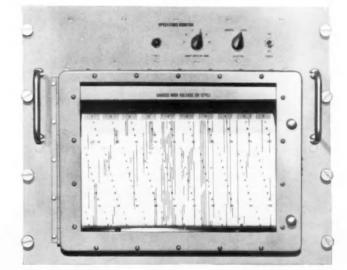
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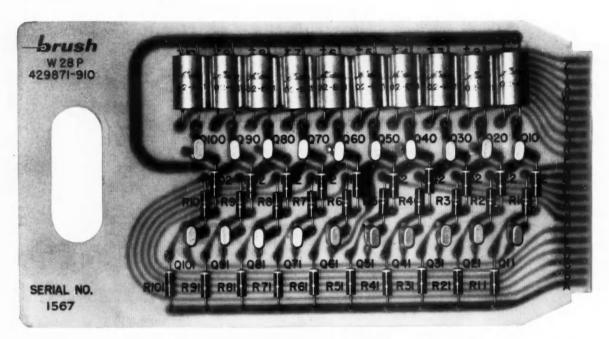




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## NEW PRODUCTS

## PROXIMITY SWITCH SENSES both ferrous and nonferrous metals.

High sensitivity to ferrous and nonferrous metals and a low price are features of this Model 501 proximity limit switch. Price for a system of small pickup (1½ x 1½ x 4½ in.) and an electronics unit with an spdt output relay rated at 5 amp, 110 volts ac noninductive load is \$78. Other models range from \$72 (for ferrous metals only) to \$98 (with 250-va load, mercury output relay) and higher.

Pickup is inductive using ac excitation, so metal chips are not attracted. Metal entering the sensitive area distorts an ac field that is provided by an exciter winding in the pickup. A second winding senses the distortion in the field caused by the metal, and the induced potential operates the relay through an amplifier.

Repetitive accuracy to within 0.010 in. at 4-in. sensing ranges can be achieved. Maximum sensing range is 1 in. for ferrous and nonferrous sheets 0.0001-in. thick or greater, or sheets having dimensions of at least 2 in. square.



Maximum operation rate is more than 30 per sec. The pickup will operate submerged, in contaminated areas, or through shields. Power consumption is only 2 watts.—Electronic Signals, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

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## ELECTRONIC MONITOR checks 200 points at 5 per sec rate.

This monitoring alarm system can oversee as many as 200 inputs that can be represented by a dc voltage (as low as 10 mv FS) and at a rate of 5 points per sec will indicate any out-of-limits conditions to the operator. Temperatures, pressures, flows, levels, or contact closures that do not meet preset requirements will result in readout of the point's name on individual indication lights and its number on a digital display panel along with a horn alarm. Horn is silenced by acknowledge button, but light stays on until condition is corrected.

Alarm accuracy of the AIM system (Alarm Indicating Monitor) is to within  $\pm 0.1$  percent full scale. In addition, manually selected readout on a meter of any point is available continuously with an accuracy to within  $\pm 1$  percent full scale. Alarm setpoint stability is within  $\pm 0.3$  percent FS.

Input devices are glass enclosed, sealed reed relays, with anticipated life of billions of operations.—Hagan Chemicals & Controls, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

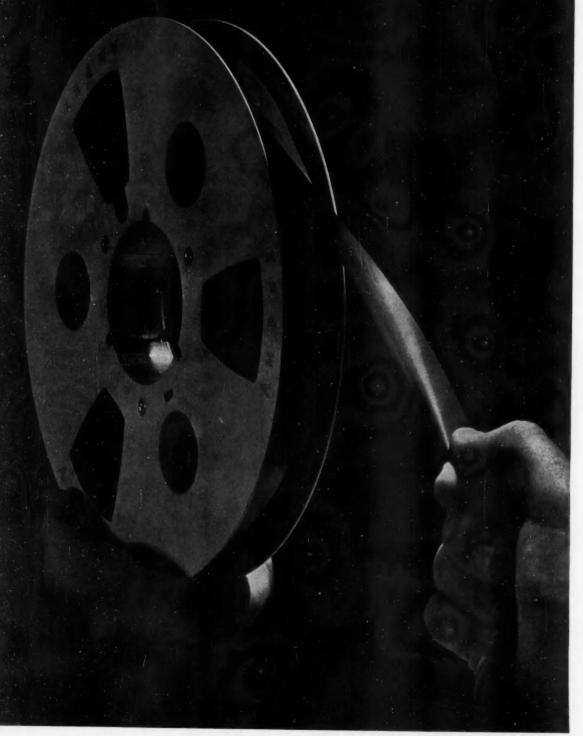
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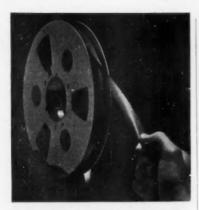


## THIN FILM MEMORIES cycle in 0.2 microsec.

First thin film memory units to be placed on the market as computer components are these BIP-1000 planes with a capacity of 20 eight-bit words. Ideal for "scratch pad" memory functions in data processing systems because of their high speed—0.2 microsec, or about 10 times faster than the cycling rate for the fastest ferrite memories—these deposited film devices also offer the possibility of low prices when volume production is reached. Current price is \$175 for the 160-bit memory. Individual planes can be stacked for greater capacity as desired.

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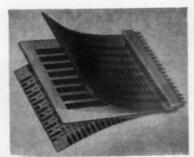


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film. This plate is sandwiched between two printed circuit boards containing read, information, and sense conductors which pass over each bit. Complete, the package measures 4 x 3½ x 0.070 in thick.

These thin films are magnetized predominantly by spin-rotation rather than through domain wall movement, as is the case with ferrite memories. The spin-rotational switching is faster, it has been measured in the 10° sec range. Additional advantages of the thin films are their ability to accept greater drive tolerances than ferrite cores, vield bipolar outputs automatically, and be driven by single polarity pulses for information entry and read-



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out. - Burroughs Corp., Electronic Tube Div., Plainfield, N. J.

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#### 4 NEW ADJUSTABLE SPEED DRIVES

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Models rated at 3 and 7½ hp max have now been added to this manufacturer's line of electronic adjustable speed drives which use dc motors powered by two thyratrons in a full wave circuit. Magnetic amplifier control will hold rpm within 2-3 percent of set speed.—Cleveland Machine Controls, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

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This newly designed line of mechanical variable speed drives includes three models from 1 to 10 hp with a speed range of up to 8 to 1. Standard NEMA C face motors are used. Both drip-proof and totally enclosed constructions are offered.—Industrial Products Div., Western Gear Corp., Belmont, Calif.

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Speed ratios up to 10 to 1, from 4 to 10,000 rpm, are offered in this mechanical variable speed drive available in ratings from 4 to 1 hp. Ease of precise settings is a feature. The Type 5 VA in the 4-hp size weighs 63 lb and is 14½ in. high by 8½ in. wide.—U. S. Electrical Motors, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

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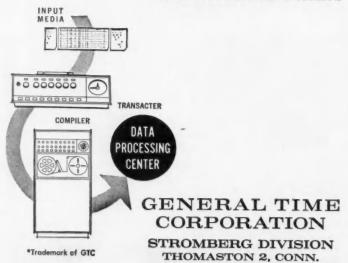
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#### TYPEWRITER COMPUTER

Shown above in a rear view is the electronics compartment of the Typetronic 6615, a business data computer with electric typewriter input and output. Programming is by a unique punched Mylar card that is easily inserted in the typewriter mechanism. A magnetic disc memory is used. Time for simple calculations is 17 millisec. Designed to be used with the 6615 is the 2215, a business document writing system, also contained in a desk-sized unit and based on a typewriter. It accepts punched tape or edge-punched card input. The 2215 with one punch sells for about \$4,500; the 6615, with typewriter input/output, for about \$6,000.-Smith-Corona Marchant, Inc., New York, N.Y.

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#### FOR ALGOL, COBOL

The B5000 solid state computer, shown above in scale model, is said to be the first computer designed specificially for automatic programming. ALGOL and COBOL compilers will be standard equipment. Accent in design has not been on computing speed, although add time is only 3 microsec. Monthly rentals will be \$13,500-50,000. Sale price will range from \$540,000 to \$2 million. Delivery time: 18 months.—Burroughs Corp., Equipment & Systems Div., Detroit, Mich.

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#### ON-LINE COMPUTER

Anatrol is a compact analog computer designed for on-line process control work. With an accuracy from input to output within better than ±1 percent of full scale, the computer uses a time-sharing technique for step-by step solution of equations according to its program. In this way three amplifiers and one multiplier in a 25-step switching pattern have the potential of at least 75 amplifiers and 25 multipliers. The unit measures only 23.5 x 28 x 15 in. and weighs 180 lb.—Price: about \$8,400.—De Havilland Aircraft, Inc., New York, N. Y.

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While I am still reeling from this shocker, I read on to find there is an insatiable market for our Thermo-Conductivity Analyzer in slaughtering houses and missile silos. For your information, this hardly points to the road to riches for lovable old Melvin. The miserable territory to which I have been exiled has not produced a hog worth slaughtering for 20 years. And the silos hereabouts contain nothing but surplus lichee nuts... not a missile in the lot.

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Pretty as a coffin, Small as a C-ration Tougher than the boss Of the Hays Corporation.

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I have a couple more verses that punch up such features as no moving parts, no maintenance and pinpoint accuracy. They need a little polishing but I'll shoot them on as soon as they're ready.

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Yours more in sorrow than in anger,

PS If you decide to put my jingle on the air, better print an extra supply of bulletin B-641.

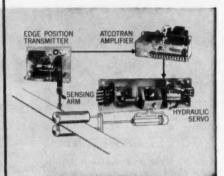
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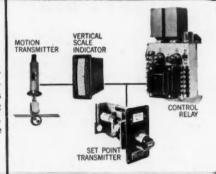
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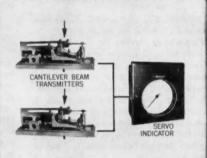
#### THICKNESS MEASUREMENT

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#### NEW PRODUCTS

special font of type) and translating the information into punched paper tape has recently been introduced. The Model 10DP2 optical scanner reads a nominal 8½ x 11 in. page at 2½ lines per sec and punches the data into tape at 240 alphanumeric characters per sec. Later models will supply output on magnetic tape—at 340 characters per sec. Automatic feed is used, allowing 30 pages to be stacked. Price ranges from \$125,000 to \$200,000 depending on special features.—Farrington Manufacturing Co., Data Processing Div., Needham Heights, Mass.

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#### 48-CHANNEL DATA HANDLER

A mobile data handling system only 4 ft high can collect, process, and prepare information for direct entry into most common computers. Called RADAC I, it is composed of a multiplexer, coder, digital logic circuits, tape transport, and power supplies. The system handles up to 48 analog inputs with a resolution to ±10 microvolts and accuracy to within ±0.1 percent. Maximum word rate is 3.8 kc. Price: less than \$60,000 without accessories. Optional features include digital or analog quick look recorders, automatic run controls, and remote controls.—Radiation, Inc., Melbourne, Fla.

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#### IMPROVED MODEL

Frequency response has been extended 20 percent (to 1.2 Mcps at 120 ips) and the capability of accommodating 14 tracks has been added to this manufacturer's CM-100 video band recorder/reproducer. The magnetic tape unit previously had response to 1 Mcps at 120 ips; response at all six speeds has been proportionately increased, to 600 kcps at 60 ips, for instance. Also, the single rack, seventrack CM-100 is now easily converti-

ble to 14 tracks by plugging in an additional rack of electronics equipment. Same over-all bandwidth of 400 cps at 1.2 Mcps is achieved simultaneously on all 14 tracks. As with the original model, the new version is capable of recording both pulse and analog signals.-Mincom Div., Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

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#### HANDY RECORDER

Only 2 x 4 x 5 in., this magnetic tape recorder is small enough to be fitted in a flight suit or carried in a coat pocket. The three-channel instrument weighs only 31 oz including 7 oz of tape and can record a minimum of 1 hr at 1% ips. Frequency response is flat within ±3 db from 100 to 5,000 cps with negligible flutter and wow, and signal to noise ratio is better than 30 db. The recorder's 3-watt power requirement can be supplied by a standard mercury cell or other low inpedance power source. It was designed for dynamic recording in the range from 1,000 to 5,000 cycles. Manufacturer claims it is operable in any environment where man can exist and accuracy is unaffected by position or motion. Price: \$3,500.-Precision Instrument Co., San Carlos, Calif.

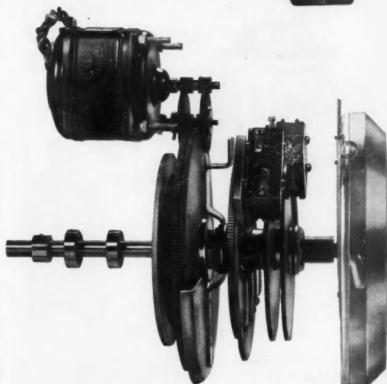
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ELIMINATES SERVOS

This 30 x 30 in. X-Y plotter is engineered in such a way that standard For the best in process control, see L&N





#### **Behind Speedomax® G performance:** STURDY MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION

mention its excellent reproducibility . . . reliable accuracy . . . uninterrupted operation?

One of the reasons is the instrument's sturdy mechanical construction. The direct-drive measuring shaft keeps the split drive-gear, measuring slidewire contacts and any signalling, control, and/or retransmission contacts in rigid alignment. There's no backlash, no dead space. The result: accurate records, precise control.

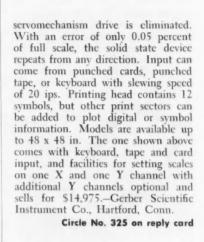
Additional mechanical features include: pointers and scales that pro- Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa.

Why do Speedomax G users so often vide excellent setability and readability . . . die-cast case, door, main frame and chart table . . . machinecut gears and ball bearings. All contribute to the instrument's "staying power" under adverse conditions.

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#### RESEARCH, TEST, & DEVELOPMENT



#### SHOWS REDOX REACTIONS

Line fluctuations as high as 10 percent will not affect the accuracy of this automatic self-balancing pH meter that features a digital readout. There is, in addition, a millivolt scale to record redox reactions. Any type of electrode can be accommodated and an external recorder may be plugged into the unit for continuous monitoring. Temperature compensation is also provided. The full range of 0 to 14.00 pH is covered with an accuracy within 0.02 pH units.—Scientific Instruments Div., Polarad Electronics Corp., Long Island City, N. Y.

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#### **FUNCTION ANALYZER**

A cross-spectral density computation technique is used in this function



AGASTATs are electrically actuated, but are *pneumatically* timed, so their accuracy and reliability are unaffected by voltage variations, and recycling is instantaneous. Adjustment is simple and stepless over l-o-n-g time ranges. With moving parts held to a minimum, the life span of a typical unit is measured in millions of cycles.

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analyzer to determine the response characteristics of control, structural, and servo systems, as well as electric networks. The device takes up the space of two 70-in. high standard relay racks, gives output as Nyquist or Bode plots, and operates with driving signals that are random or complex periodic in nature. In addition, it is said to be able to obtain the exact causal relationship between two signals even when the relationship is obscured by extraneous noise. Depending on options, the price is \$25,000-30,000.—Ortholog Div., Gulton Industries, Inc., Metuchen, N. J.

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#### TESTS DIGITAL MODULES

As simple to operate as a drugstore tube tester, this digital module tester can make complete tests of all 200-ke and 3-Me magnetic modules and modules from the manufacturer's PB 250 computer. Tests include input pulse amplitude, duration, rise time, and repetition rate plus output resistive and capacitive load. The tester also checks its own signal generating cards. Basic tester price is \$1,950.—Packard Bell Computer, Sub. of Packard Bell Electronics, Los Angeles, Calif.

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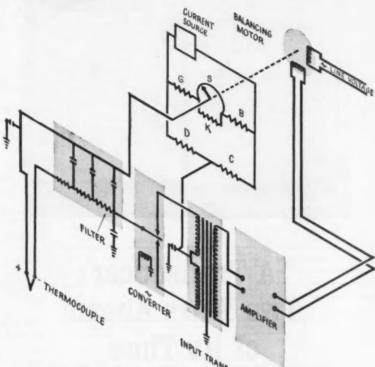


#### REMEMBERING COUNTER

This digital time and frequency meter (counter) features the capability to remember the intermittent count of four of its eight counting digits to provide a four-digit continuous read-



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What leads Speedomax G users to expect—and get—fast response . . . fast balancing . . . fast control action?

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The basic "general-purpose" amplifier, for example, uses four stages of amplification . . . and sensitivity is such that a 5-microvolt unbalance in the overall measuring circuit — in-

cluding the recorder slidewire, external source resistance of 2000 ohms, detector and filter — will produce 20 volts on the control winding of the balancing motor . . . providing more than enough torque for positive balancing action even under adverse conditions

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# A Transducer Two Years Ahead of its Time

A completely new patented pressure Servonic's new, low pressure L-96 ometer-type unit withstands vibration than 1% error. Two separate sets of ends of a driving frame are utilized driving media while the second can sure reference, or vented to the



sensor concept has been utilized in Transducer. This miniature potentilevels in excess of 35 g's with less aneroid capsules attached to opposite in the design. One set senses the be evacuated for an absolute presatmosphere for gage measurement.

Pressure changes are transmitted through a unique, frictionless, metallic belt linkage system to position the wiper of the precision potentiometer. The fluid filled interior dampens vibration effect, provides long life and minimizes electrical noise. The unit is so insensitive to vibrations, extended dwells are allowed at any vibration frequency. Besides its excellent vibration characteristics, the L-96 has a temperature range of -65° to 275° F and a range of 0-15 to 0-350 psia or g.

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#### NEW PRODUCTS

out while the other four continue counting. Full eight-digit intermittent readout is selectable. Also stressed is high reliability obtained through circuit design that uses a foolproof counting method-unlike that of other counters-and that is capable of operating on half-dead tubes and at ± 10 percent off rated voltage. Measurement ranges are: frequency, de-10 Mc; period, 10 microsec to 107 sec; time interval, 1 microsec to 107 sec. Sensitivity is to 0.25 volts rms, and accuracy is to within ±1 count plus or minus time base oscillator stability. Display time is variable from 0.1 to 10 sec. Complete with time base stable in the short term to 5 parts in 1010 per min, price is \$2,950, without time base: \$2,585.—General Radio Co., W. Concord, Mass.

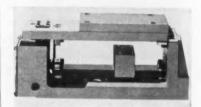
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#### RECORDING SIMULATOR

Now available is a digital recording simulator priced at less than \$1,000 that makes possible complete analysis of any digital drum, disc, or tape recording system at frequencies to 600 keps. RZ, NRZ, or phase modulation signals can be recorded at record amplifier impedances from 50 ohms to kilohms, with power sources from 5 to 50 volts, and wide peak recording currents to 270 ma. Included is a calibrated playback amplifier with any sensitivity down to 10 microvolts for low level recording. - Magne-Head Div., General Instruments Corp., Hawthorne, Calif.

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#### PRIMARY ELEMENTS & TRANSDUCERS



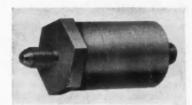
#### SENSES VARYING FORCES

Tension, pressure, weight, and thrust can be measured by this force trans-

CONTROL ENGINEERING

ducer. The device monitors forces developed in any direction and converts mechanical displacement to an electrical output which in turn brings about corrective action. For example, this transducer will maintain the proper tension in a fast moving continuous metal strip. Key to the operation is a system of cross-spring (flexure) pivots combined with a flat, cantilever main spring. Standard models will take loads from 8 oz to 1,500 lbs. According to the manufacturer, overload will not damage the unit or cause any shift in calibration. Model for 500 lb max force sells for \$550.-Hydro-Pneu-Tronics, Inc., Force Transducer Sales Div., Cleveland, Ohio.

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#### DIGITAL TRANSDUCERS

Input to these new transducers can be from several primary energy sources: pressure, temperature, acceleration, flow rate, etc. These analog signals are converted by the device into true digital signals by a solid state converter. Outputs can have PDM, PPM, or PFM time base. Digital output is precalibrated to the measured parameter without zero supression; e.g., 0-1,000 microsec (PDM or PPM) can be made to indicate 0-1,000 psi. Transducers are available to measure 5-8,000 psi. Minor revisions can convert them to temperature or acceleration measurement. Unit measures 2 in, in diam by 2 in. Conversion linearity error is ±0.5 percent, repeatable within 0.2 percent. Output signal is 5 volts or more into a 50-kilohm load.-DeJur-Amsco Corp., Long Island City, N.Y.

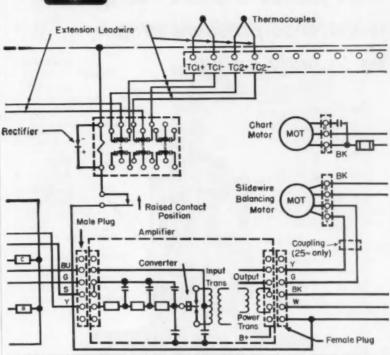
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#### MACHINERY MONITOR

This photoelectric device will warn of the slowing down or stopping of machinery used in continuous processes by sensing changes in rotation or other movement. Repeated regular interruptions of a light beam maintain a relay energized; if the interruptions stop or fall below a preset speed, the relay will initiate corrective action or give an alarm. Any machinery can be monitored, including conveyors, rotating shafts, rolls, crank arms, etc.



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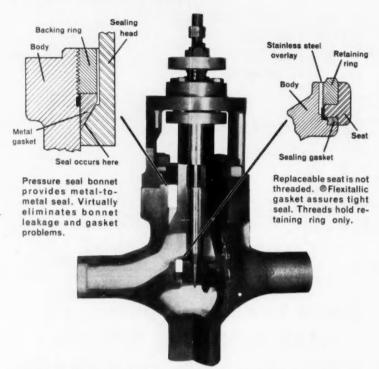


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# High pressure globe valve withstands pressure drops up to body ratings



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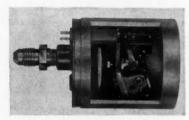
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#### NEW PRODUCTS

The unit is dust-tight and fail-safe. Price: about \$70.—Hird-Brown Ltd., Sale, Cheshire, England.

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#### RUGGED PRESSURE SENSOR

Designed to measure pressure in the ranges of 0-5 and 0-500 psi, the TP-200 is suitable for use with corrosive or noncorrosive gases or liquids. The device is potentiometric and uses a temperature compensated mechanical amplification system. This combines the advantages in accuracy and large output of the potentiometer with the reliability, responsiveness, and ruggedness of a capsular N-span-C diaphragm.—Fairchild Controls Corp., Sub. of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp., Hicksville, N.Y.

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#### PLUS . . .

(334) High frequency response over a wide temperature range is combined with light weight and small size in a gas damped unbonded strain gage accelerometer introduced by Statham Instruments, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. . . . (335) A new rate gyro available now from the Precision Products Dept. of Nortronics, Div. of Northrop Corp., Beverly Hills, Calif., incorporates a dynamic self-testing feature so that it will supply, on demand, information that the spin motor is at synchronous speed and that the gimbal is free to operate.

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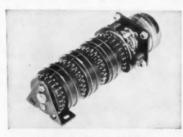
# CONTROLLERS, SWITCHES & RELAYS

#### MILLI-G SWITCH

This acceleration sensing switch was designed primarily for operation in

the low ranges, 0.1 to 5 g. Gas damping provides the proper delay or integration before switch closure, and because this damping is virtually independent of temperature, no heaters are needed and there is no warmup time. Normally mounted level, the switch responds to gravity and can be used as a tilt switch since its threshold value is equivalent to a tilt angle of 8½ deg. The makeup of the switch, including springs, mass, damping, and material, can be varied to meet user requirements.—Kearfott Div., General Precision, Inc., Little Falls, N. J.

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#### ROTARY REED SWITCH

Reed switches have been mounted in circular sections to make up these compact rotary units. Heart of the rotary switch is the hermetically sealed cantilever-type contact. In each switch are two gold plated wires which make contact when their polarity is reversed by a magnet. Each switch section is 1½ in. in diam and 3 in. long and can be stacked adjacent to a common shaft. The unit in the picture above is a six-pole, 12-position unit that is 5 in. long including drive motor, three switching units, and end cap. Switch can operate at 15 steps per sec. Because of the strong force holding the contacts closed the switch is reported to have good closed contact performance under vibration. Contact life is 10 million operations at 0.1 amp. Price for one-pole, 12-position switch: \$79 .-Hathaway Instruments, Inc., Denver,

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#### MITE-SIZED RELIABILITY

The tiny precision relay shown above measures only 0.2 x 0.4 x 0.6 in. and



#### **ROCKWELL-REPUBLIC**

# V-5 gauges combine small size with big-gauge readability

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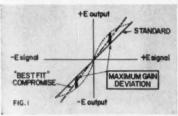
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#### AMPLIFIER LINEARITY

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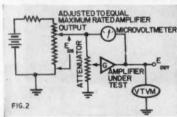
Non-linearity is here defined as the maximum gain deviation, over the entire amplifier range. from an ideal straight line passing through Cartesian co-ordinate origin. The graph (Fig. 1) indi-



cates this as well as what is known as the best fit method of measurement. The latter splits the error. This discussion refers to the maximum gain deviation technique. Generally speaking an amplifier with 0.02% non-linearity is considered good.

#### **D-C Amplifier Linearity Test**

A null-indicating test set-up is shown in the schematic (Fig. 2). Here, an attenuator is inserted between a d-c signal and the amplifier input. This d-c signal is made equal to maximum rated output of the amplifier under



test. The attenuator reduces the signal by an amount equal to the amplifier gain. As a result, under linear conditions, the amplifier output and d-c signal, prior to the attenuator, are equal. This zeros the zero-center reading 0-10 mic-rovoltmeter connected between the amplifier output and the d-c voltage. Any meter deviation is due to amplifier non-linearity. An

X-Y recorder facilitates this test. For more detail, write for BEAN 124

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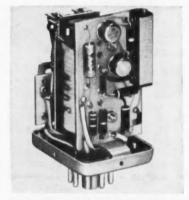
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weighs only 0.1 oz. Thus it is about is the the volume of standard microminiature relays and compares with their weight of about 0.5 oz. In addition, this new Dyna-Mite relay has proved its performance under vibra-tion of 45 g at 2,000 cps (though nominally rated at 20 g), withstood 100-g shock, and is designed to operate over an ambient temperature range of -65 to +125 deg C. The device is rated at 0.25 amp with a contact life of 10,000 cycles at rated resistive load of 28 vdc.-Control Dynamics Corp., No. Hollywood, Calif.

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#### TIME DELAY'S ADJUSTABLE

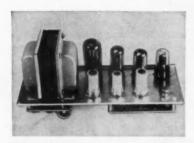
These adjustable time delay relays feature four timing ranges from 50 milli-sec to 60 sec, along with four contact arrangements and two mounting styles. Units utilize a relay together with an adjustable RC time circuit and a two-stage transistor amplifier. Power requirements are 18-32 vdc at 10 ma nominal. Reset time is about 5 percent of operate delay time when power is removed or less than 20 millisec max with an external pushbutton. Price: \$30-60. — General Automatic Corp., Union City, N. J. Circle No. 340 on reply card

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#### COMPUTER POWER

Accurately regulated 400-cps voltage for rectifying to the various de voltages needed for transistorized computers is produced by this three-unit, brushless design motor-alternator. Use of 400 rather than 60 cycles will result in smaller transformer-rectifiers and filter network components. The unit will reduce the need for repeat programming to correct errors caused by transients in 60-cycle power lines. The supplies consist of a 60-cycle induction drive motor, a wound field synchronous generator, and a rotating exciter-rectifier. They are available with continuous output ratings of from 1 to 5 kva.—General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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#### GIVES CLOSE REGULATION

Delivering 150 to 425 vdc at 100-400 ma, this modular power supply designed for mounting in other equipment is claimed to have less than 1 mv ripple with either terminal grounded or both terminals floating. Output regulation is to within 0.05 percent line and load. Two or more units can be joined to give outputs up to 850 volts at 1,800 ma. All units will mount on a 2-in. wide chassis.— Calmag, No. Hollywood, Calif.

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#### SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTED

This solid state dual power supply features short circuit overload protection such that the supply is not damaged by even a prolonged short circuit because the short circuit current is always less than full load. The Model 6033 operates from 115 vac and provides two fixed outputs, plus and minus 15 vdc, each at 200 ma. Line and load regulation are to within 0.01



#### NEW ERIE SOLID STATE 500T BI-DIRECTIONAL CONTROL COUNTER

This is a rugged high-speed control counter with bi-directional capabilities for digital closed loop control. It offers for the first time anti-coincidence circuits for random add/subtract inputs, a digital-to-analog converter and an excess error alarm. The instrument has true modular construction in which individual circuit boards are readily inserted from the front for functional versatility and ease of maintenance. In-line NIXIE readout can be supplied when required.

The unique anti-coincidence circuit used prevents interference between add and subtract pulses arriving simultaneously. This provides absolute accuracy as opposed to conventional anti-coincidence circuits. The analog output is proportional in both magnitude and polarity to the algebraic sum of the add and subtract inputs. The readout indicates the instantaneous algebraic sum.

For example, where the 500T is used for control of motor speeds, the pulses arrive at both the add and subtract inputs at exactly the same rate when the controlled motor is running at the desired speed. Any speed change develops an analog output to a servo system which returns the motor to the proper speed. The same basic process would apply to the mixing of liquids or chemicals.

Applications for the 500T are virtually unlimited since it provides digital control of such parameters as flow, speed, position, and many others. An industrial case is available for applications in rugged environments.



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percent; ripple is under ½ mv (0.003 percent). Because of great stability, the supply would constitute the basic reference of a control or instrumentation system. Price is about \$285 depending on physical configuration.-George A. Philbrick Researches, Inc., Boston, Mass.

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(344) Large power capability (25 watts-50 volts at 500 ma) is delivered by the Model AMSF-50-5 power supply measuring only 2.5 x 3.5 x 5 in, and now available from Valor Instruments, Inc., Gardena, Calif. . . . (345) Christie Electric Corp., Los Angeles, Calif., has announced a compact general purpose, wide range 30amp de supply that uses silicon controlled rectifiers to offer voltage regulation within ±0.5 percent and ripple of only 1 percent rms. . . . (346) A price of \$225 has been placed by Dynex Industries, Inc., Syosset, N.Y., on its high efficiency (90-95 percent) dc power supply Model D-20HE for airborne use that gives well regulated, low ripple output from 24-32 volt battery input.

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#### L-SHAPED POLE ARM

If the pole arm of this synchronous motor should stop on dead center, the motor will not fail to start again, according to the manufacturer. The unit is said to be the only permanent magnet type of motor on the market with this new pole arm design feature. Should the pole stop on dead center, magnetism induced in the variable pole arm by the field coil will start the rotor moving. This gives both permanent and alternating polarity to the rotor. Program timers, computers, and displays are some of the uses for this high torque motor. Standard motor speeds available range from 1/60 to 10 rpm with the standard motor rated at 20 oz-in. and the high torque model rated at 40 oz-in.—Lake City, Inc., Sub. of Controls Co. of America, Crystal Lake, Ill.

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#### TAKES SMALL STEPS

There are no mechanical ratchets on this thin, quiet stepper motor, which features a low radiated magnetic field. The Series 18100 motor does not need mechanical one-way devices, electrical contacts, or commutator. The motor may be operated with windings continuously energized in a static condition or pulsed at rates up to 2,400 steps per min. Minimum pulse requirements are 12.5 millisec. Two units may be combined with a differential for bidirectional operation or algebraic addition. Series 18100 is rated at 27 vdc with a continuous duty cycle and a rotor step angle of 30 deg per cycle.-A. W. Haydon Co., Waterbury, Conn.

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#### HAS 6-IN, STROKE

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To poet and pilot alike, the sea is unpredictable. But a long step toward fathoming its mysteries has recently been taken, in the form of an idea which will provide data on the effects of turbulent seas on ship motion. Among the benefits will be the design of hulls and ships better able to meet the challenges of wind and wave.

To help the U.S. Maritime Administration and the David Taylor Model Basin collect data for performing statistical analysis of ship motion, a "Seakeeping Instrumentation System" was designed by Sierra Research Corp. of Buffalo, N.Y. Operating completely unattended for periods of several weeks at a time, the system automatically goes into operation at 4-hour intervals, recording a short run if the weather is calm or a longer run if the weather is rough.

Heart of the system is a 14-channel P.I. instrumentation magnetic tape recorder, capturing such data as wind velocity and direction, ship's heading, roll and pitch, wave height, vertical acceleration, time pulses, and propeller shaft RPM and horsepower. The P.I. recorder was chosen for the system because of its superior reliability — no attention was required during its entire first cruise of four months — and because its compact design involves far less weight, space, and power than conventional recorders.

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# COMPONENT PARTS



#### REFERENCE JUNCTION

Designed to provide a temperature reference for multichannel thermocouple systems, this junction operates on 105-125 volts, 380-420 cps. Operating temperatures range from -65 to +165 deg F with less than ½ deg reference temperature variation. Accuracy is claimed to be better than that attainable with ice baths, mechanically thermostated enclosures, or cold junction compensators. Units are available with up to 24 channels and any junction temperature from 25 deg F above ambient to 250 deg F. Temperature uniformity and stability for long term unattended operation are within ±1 deg F. Unit weighs 2 lb. Price for 24-channel junction: \$540.—Pace Engineering Co., No. Hollywood, Calif.

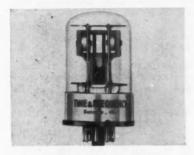
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#### MAGNETOSTRICTIVE DELAYS

Delays up to 5,000 microsec with an adjustment of 5 microsec are available with this Model 2370 magnetostrictive delay line. The device is designed to operate in an ambient temperature range of -55 to +70 deg C. Temperature coefficient is less than 20 ppm/deg C; 4 ppm/deg C can also be sup-

plied. Insertion loss is approximately 60 db, and signal to noise ratio is better than 10 to 1. Carrier frequency ranges from 250 kcps to 1 Mcps. A low price is featured.-Power-Tronic Systems, Inc., New Rochelle, N.Y.

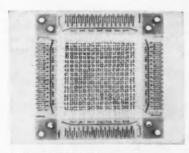
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#### VACUUM TUNING FORK

This Type TF-4 tuning fork provides an accurate frequency source for electronic instruments. Enclosed in a high vacuum glass tube, the device is 11 in. in diam and 21 in, high with an octal socket. The tuning fork, with silicon transistor oscillator, will operate from 240 to 10,000 cps. Ovens or other complex thermal controls are said to be unnecessary because of the tube's accuracy. Output signal is either sine or square wave of 1.3 to 3.0 volts rms across a 10,000 ohm load. Power supply needed is 6-36 vdc with a current drain of less than 10 ma. The device is unaffected by gamma rays or fast neutrons. Price: \$135.-Time & Frequency, Batavia, Ill.

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#### MEMORY FRAMES

Four sizes of these printed circuit strip memory frames are available for use in memory systems of business machines. There are 10 different frame configurations, and any of several types of 50-mil and 80-mil ferrite cores can be used. Base material can be glass epoxy, paper phenolic, or other ma-terial. Solder plated circuitry is incor-porated in all standard strips, though other plating materials are available. Price for 32 x 32 array is \$60 to \$70.-



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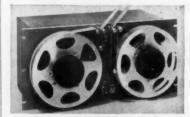
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(355) Foster & Allen, Inc., Chatham, N.J., has introduced a Versa Gear quick change gear chassis which makes possible a great range of ratios by simple changes of instrument gears on sliding bearing blocks. . . . (356) Standardized packaged slip ring assemblies for instrumentation circuits, available from Superior Carbon Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, accommodate 15-30 rings and allow low cost because of large quantity production.

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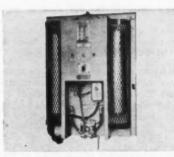
# **ACCESSORIES**& MATERIALS



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This bidirectional automatic tape spooler may be used with any tape reader to wind paper or Mylar tape on standard NAB reels up to 8 in. in diam. A total of 1,000 ft may be wound at a speed of 15 ips. Winding is controlled by a tension arm that senses slack in the tape. No external control signal is needed for operation. The TS-400 is made to take up 8½ in. in a standard 19-in. rack. Price: \$495.—Electronic Engineering Co. of California, Santa Ana, Calif.

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#### COMPACT PROGRAMMER

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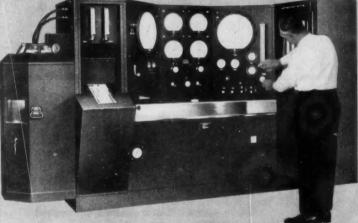
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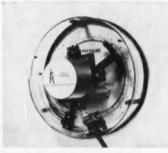
control of digital tape machines to aid in servicing and adjustments. The unit generates forward and reverse outputs which drive the actuator control circuits of the tape machine. Size of the programmer is approximately 4 x 7 x 8 in. Price: \$450.—Binary Electronics Co., Fullerton, Calif.

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#### BULLETINS AND CATALOGS

(400) COMPLETE CONTROLLER LINE. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Industrial Div. Catalog C-15-2a, 56 pp. Covers complete line of the manufacturer's Electronik controllers, including pneumatic and electric versions. Basic circuits are given as well as complete specifications and detail photographs on the many units in this controller line. Also included are partial chart listings and contact control forms.

(401) BACKWARD DIODE GUIDE. Hoffman Electronics Corp., Semiconductor Div. Handbook, 48 pp. Short form booklet goes back in time to describe characteristics of the unitunnel or backward diode. Humorous pictures and captions complement useful technical discussion of physical and electrical parameters, testing criteria, and typical circuit applications.

(402) NUCLEAR RADIATION EFFECTS. General Electric Co., Receiving Tube Dept. Bulletin ETD 2564, 22 pp. Brightly laid out booklet reviews effects of pulse and steady state radiation on various types of circuits and components. Comparative data are used to show advantages of Thermionic Integrated Micro Module (TIMM) circuits in the presence of damaging radiation sources.

(403) SIZING GUIDE. Aeroquip Corp. Bulletin No. 631, 16 pp. Discusses various fittings to show how to design fluid line installations. Clear drawings and charts are used to show how to measure pipe, tubing, and hose

(404) ADJUSTABLE SPEED COMPONENTS. The Louis Allis Co. Bulletin 2900, 6 pp. Cutaway illustrations and specification chart are used to describe complete packaged adjustable speed drives. In addition, details are given on associated control components. Four types of drives described include ac and de drives, liquid cooled mechanical drives, and ac motor driven mechanical types.

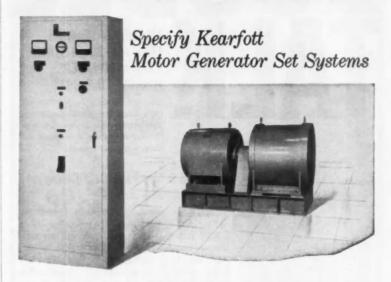
(405) ROTÂRY SWITCH CATALOG. The Daven Co., Sub. of General Mills, Inc. Catalog, 48 pp. Well illustrated publication uses large size photographs, dimension drawings, and specification tables to describe complete line of rotary switches. An introductory section details materials used and characteristics of the switches along with typical applications. The company's "shorthand" method of ordering is also given.

(406) EASY ORDER TRANSDUCERS. Advanced Dynamics, Inc. Catalog, 60 pp. A format designed for simple ordering of this manufacturer's line of thermocouples, pressure probes, and allied components is used in this catalog, which contains specifications, construction details, and prices.

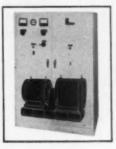
(407) VARIED COMPONENTS LINE. Minarik Electric Co. Catalog. This ring-bound volume containing several hundred pages gives engineering information including dimensions, etc., for small electromechanical drive systems, timing devices, variable speed controls, speed reducers, and electric motors.

(408) THEORY AND APPLICATIONS MANUAL. General Electric Co., Power Tube Dept. Bulletin PT-49, 20 pp. De-

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Booklet, 20 pp. Eight available completeunit oscilloscopes are described in this catalog-style publication. Specifications, performance characteristics, and illustrations for single beam, dual beam, dual trace, and rack mounting models are given. Four models for dc to 450 keps, one for dc to 1 Mcps, and three for dc to 15 Mcps are included.

(410) RESISTOR NETWORK DE-SIGN. General Resistance, Inc. Design form. Originally developed for the company's internal use, this form saves engineering time in specifying resistor networks. Form consists of 25 x 11 in. sheet

folded into three letter-sized parts.
(411) PASSIVE MICROWAVE RE-PEATERS. Microflect Co., Inc. Manual No. 161, 48 pp. A wealth of highly specialized information on the use of passive repeaters in microwave systems is given in this profusely illustrated manual. Complete specifications on the company's line of such repeaters are given along with simple calculations to illustrate the technical background given in the publication. Repeaters are available for applications from 2,000 to

12,000 Mcps. (412) RELIABILITY IN ACTION. Hoffman Electronics Corp. Bulletin, 28 pp. Well laid out publication describes company's experience in complying with panys experience in complying with AGREE (Advisory Group on the Relia-bility of Electronic Equipment) in its production of TACAN equipment. De-scribes new concepts, techniques, and thinking that went into the project. Diagrams of AGREE procedures are included. (413) LIMIT SWITCH GUIDE. General Electric Co. Bulletin GEA-7312, 12 pp. Describes company's line of limit switches for automatic pilot control. Also includes a glossary of limit switch terminology and well illustrated guide to installation procedures. Types of limit switches included are lever, leverless, and rotating cam.
(414) PLASTICS PROPERTIES. Cadil-

lac Plastic & Chemical Co. Table. Significant physical, electrical, mechanical, and optical properties of nine different thermoplastic materials are given in this chart assembled from test reports submitted by the manufacturer. A total of 35 different properties are tabulated. Reverse side of chart contains square inch to square foot conversion table.

(415) APPLICATION CASE HISTO-RIES. Gilmore Industries, Inc. Bulletin TD-105, 48 pp. Contains a series of articles on different applications of high accuracy transducer systems. Applications range from electronic weigh loading of hot material to strain gage testing of aircraft and submarines.

(416) CIRCUIT DESIGN AID. Amperex Electronic Corp. Guide and Booklet, 6 pp. Computa-Guide is the name of this graphic aid designed to save engineers' time in calculating harmonic components of complex wave forms. Guide is printed on plastic laminated card, and booklet contains detailed illustrated instructions for its use with hints for using the guide to full advantage.

(417) SERVOTEST INSTRUMENTA-TION. Industrial Measurements Corp., c/o John Jones Co., Inc. Brochure, 20 pp. Four-section publication contains data sheets on instrumentation designed for static and dynamic evaluation of electohydaulic servovalves and servosytem actuators. Included are illustrated descriptions of valve flow analyzers, dynamic response analyzers, metering cylinder assemblies, and other equipment.

(418) SPACE AGE SILICONES. General Electric Co. Silicone Products Dept. Brochure CDS-276, 16 pp. Provides general background on silicone products for use in a variety of applications. Included are descriptions of silicone insulation; varnishes; encapsulating materials; and di-

electric fluids, coolants, and greases.

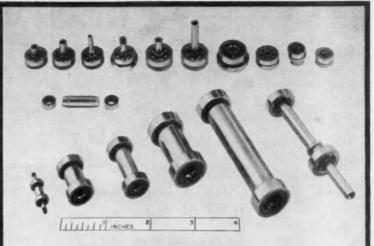
(419) MEASURING DEVICES. United Sensor & Control Corp. Catalog 61, 40 pp. Line of flow probes, thermocouples, and positioners for measuring velocity, temperature, and flow of gases and liquids are described in this publication. It also gives complete technical information on their use. Serves as a simple text book for fluid flow measurement.

(420) COMBUSTION CONTROL SE-LECTION. Reliance Instrument Div., Electro-Mech Corp. Bulletin 1001, 32 pp. Presents clear analysis of the two main types of combustion control systems: proportioning and metering. Using block diagrams, the publication describes the systems, pointing out specific advantages and serving as a guide for system selection.

(421) DIGITAL COMPONENTS. Ransom Research, Inc. Catalog, 24 pp. Contains 11 data sheets on computer elements including counters, NOR logic elements, flip-flops, power regulators, and analog to digital converters, among others. Photographs and schematic drawings complement full technical description of each device. Also included is a complete price list

(422) UNIJUNCTION PACKAGE. General Electric Co., Electronic Components Div. Semiconductor Products Dept. Design package. Contains several data sheets, a price list, technical background, reliability information, and test results for the 2N-1671 unijunction transistor series. Lower prices are also announced.

(423) MICROWAVE RELAYS. GPL Div., General Precision, Inc. Brochure. Describes the 420A microwave relay, a 0.1-watt, 5-Mcps bandwidth system operating in the 10,500-13,200 Mcps frequency range for point-to-point transmission of various signals including data channels. Small size and low cost are features of the equipment. (424) DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM. Digitronics Corp. Brochure, 6 pp. Describes recently introduced Dial-o-verter system, which functions with the Bell System Data-phone 200 to send and receive data at high speed to and from a number of remote locations over regular telephone or private lines. Photographs of the equip-



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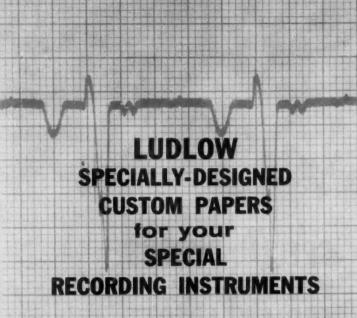
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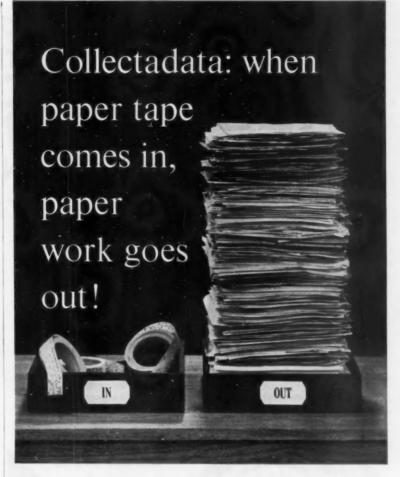
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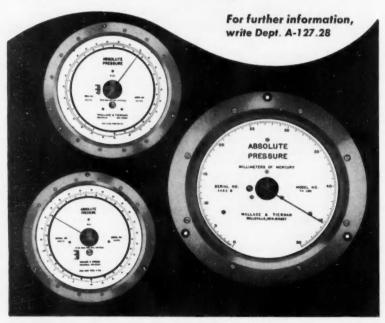
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#### WHAT'S NEW

(Continued from page 48) reason, the bins can overfill and the extra letters are almost sure to be ripped and torn by the machinery.

One solution that has been proposed is to install pressure operated warning lights that would indicate when the bin needed emptying. Another suggestion is to incorporate an automatic dumping mechanism.

Another difficulty has been mail "piggybacking" at the cullers where the letter mail is automatically separated from odd-sized mail. The letter mail is supposed to drop through a slot to be carried to the semi automatic sorter. But some of it rides on top of other pieces and does not drop onto the conveyor. And mail that has been tied in packages by the sender—something the Post Office Dept. encourages—can't be culled.

• No time for schedules—Many of the problems that are now plaguing the modern post office can be blamed on the rush with which the facility was put into operation. Construction was started April 1, 1959; the building was dedicated on October 20, 1960; but it wasn't until December that postal employees could move in.

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Despite the heavy criticism, most people CtE interviewed were confident that Project Turnkey would eventually operate successfully and make a significant contribution to the modernization of mail handling. But the troubles, magnified by the political atmosphere, spotlight some frequently neglected aspects of systems engineering.

#### Indian Instrument Need Set To Double, Says Commerce

Demand for instruments in India is expected to double by 1965-66 from its present rate of \$37.8 million, according to a report issued by Nathan D. Golden, director of the Scientific, Motion Picture, and Photographic Products Div. of the Dept. of Commerce. The forecast was based on a dispatch from the American embassy in India.

The embassy's report noted that imports would continue to supply the major portion of Indian instrument needs, despite the progress being made by domestic manufacturers. Principal suppliers to India are England, West Germany, and the U.S. In fact, India is one of the 15 best markets for U.S.-made instruments, with sales in the past five years ranging from \$2.5 to \$4 million.

Production of instruments by Indian companies was estimated at \$6.3 million worth in 1959, but of this only 18 percent was in industrial process and control goods. About half the output was scientific instruments for teaching; the rest included surveying and other teaching instruments.

A possible thorn in the side of Western efforts to sell instruments in the growing Indian market, it should be noted, is Russia's substantial economic and technical assistance there. The Soviets have been building plants for the Indian government, and there is a good possibility of inroads by Russian instrument suppliers.

#### News of Companies in the Control Field

MITE Corp. has been formed in New Haven, Conn., out of the merger of the 89 year old Greist Manufacturing Co., also of New Haven, with Teleprinter Corp., Paramus, N.J. The initials stand for Miniature Industrial Technical Equipment.

Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp., Syosset, N. Y., has purchased the flight data recorder business of Waste King Corp. in Los Angeles. Other instruments were also included.

Magnetic Controls Co. and ADC, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minn., will merge, with the former company being the surviving partner. The plan must be approved by state and Federal agencies and by stockholders.

Amphenol-Borg Electronics Corp., Broadview, Ill., and FXR, Inc. of Woodside, N.Y., have agreed in principle to a plan for merger. All outstanding obligations of FXR would become obligations of Amphenol.

International Computers and Tabulators Ltd. has formed a new subsidiary, ICT (Engineering) Ltd., which will absorb the ICT Research and Design Div. and the Computer Development Dept. of General Electric Co. Ltd. GEC will keep 10-percent interest in the English firm.

Dashew Business Machines, Inc. of Los Angeles has added Universal Data Processing Equipment, Inc. as an autonomous subsidiary.



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#### IMPORTANT MOVES BY KEY PEOPLE

#### Keith Heads IBM's Service Bureau Corp.

New president and director of International Business Machine Corp.'s subsidiary, The Service Bureau Corp., is Herbert R. Keith. Keith had been director of mar-



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post was caused by the appointment
of its former head, Frank T. Clary,
to an unidentified newly created post
in the IBM corporation organization.

Keith joined IBM in 1933 as a sales representative and has served in various sales managerial posts. In addition, he has been assistant director of product planning and market analysis for the New York based firm and has also been executive assistant to the executive vice-president.

#### George Krsek Takes High Post at International Rectifier



New executive vice-president and general manager of International Rectifier Corp., El Segundo, Calif., is George Krsek, an experienced semiconductor chemist,

research director, and production executive. Krsek joins the firm after 13 years at Merck and Co., Inc., a New Jersey pharmaceutical manufacturer, where for the past four years he had served as director of that company's Electronic Chemicals Div., which produces silicon, germanium, and other semiconductors. He originally developed synthetic cortisone.

In his post at International Rectifier, Krsek will be responsible for research and development, engineering, purchasing, manufacturing, and sales for the company.

#### Naish Leaves Convair; Widespread Changes Hinted

J. V. Naish, 53-year-old president of Convair Div. of General Dynamics Corp. and senior vice-president of GD, has resigned because of "amicable but irreconcilable differences in management philosophy". C. Rhoades Mac-Bride, a GD executive vice-president, has been named acting president by board chairman Frank Pace, Jr.

Naish has not announced his plans for the future. He had been Convair president since 1958 and executive vice-president for five years before.

If Naish's future is undecided, so seems Convair's. The San Diego based GD division (since 1954) is one of the largest missile and aircraft manufacturers in the nation. It was believed that other Convair top brass, including August Esenwein, executive vice-president, would also resign. Unidentified company spokesmen said that McBride's appointment was probably temporary.

These sources also mentioned the possibility of one of two major reorganization plans. One would be the elimination of the Convair general office here and direct operation of the outfit by the GD corporate staff in New York. Another plan might see a corporate realignment to put Convair-San Diego and Convair-Ft. Worth into one division, Convair-Pomona into another, and Convair-Astronautics (in San Diego) into a third. This would have the effect of emphasizing missile work.

The Ft. Worth and San Diego groups are engaged in commercial and military aircraft manufacture. Pomona is a testing and instrumentation setup. It might be affected by GD's plan to combine the electronics groups in other divisions with the Stromberg-Carlson Div. to form GD/Electronics (CtE, Mar. '61, p. 202). Astronautics is the missile and space vehicle unit of Convair's operations.

#### GPL Names Three to Top Engineering Positions

John C. Forrest (photo) heads the trio of new engineering appointments at GPL Div., General Precision, Inc.; he has been named director of the Pleasantville,



N. Y., division's Engineering Div. Also announced were the appointments of Frank N. Gillette as associate director of that division and Louis L. Pourciau as head of the Industrial Products Dept.

Forrest has been with GPL since

1955; previously he was chief engineer for Radar and Special Products. Gillette was chief engineer for Industrial Products and was among the original group of scientists who joined GPL in 1946. Pourciau also came to GPL in 1946; his most recent post was head of the Electronic Dept. in Industrial Products.

#### Sailer Appointed At Diehl Manufacturing

Norris H. Sailer, who developed Singer Manufacturing Co.'s numerical control system, has been appointed Numerical Control Dept. manager at Diehl Manufacturing Co., Singer's subsidiary in Finderne, N. J., now producing the control.

Sailer has been with Singer for 14 years. He initiated the control project 30 months ago as an outgrowth of cost reduction studies of short-run quantity production in the Diehl manufacturing plant.

#### Other Important Moves

Robert R. Beachler, Jr., is the new vice-president of Leach Corp., Los Angeles. He has been director of engineering for the corporation for the past three years. He will also be general manager of the Leach Relay Div.

Ralph L. Shapcott is now director of manufacturing and assistant general manager of the Weston Instruments Div. of Daystrom, Inc., in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Prior to joining Daystrom a year ago, he was general manager of the Industrial Instruments Div. of Fischer & Porter Co.

T. H. Abrahams has been appointed chief engineer of the Instrument Div. of Hoffman Electronics Corp. in Los Angeles. The division was formed earlier this year (CtE, Mar. '61, p. 203). Prior to joining Hoffman, Abrahams spent nearly five years at Douglas Aircraft Co.

Eric J. Isbister is vice-president of engineering for Radiation, Inc. in Melbourne, Fla. Formerly Isbister was chief engineer of Sperry Gyroscope's Surface Armament Div.

John D. Goodell is the new president and general manager of USI Robodyne Div. of U.S. Industries, Inc. He was previously director of engineering of the Silver Spring, Md., firm. Also in the U.S. Industries organization, Robert E. Root is now vice-president for training systems for Western Design & Electronics Div. in Santa Barbara, Calif. He'll be re-



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Vern Hedlund is the new president of the National Association of Relay Manufacturers. He is general manager of the R-B-M Controls Div. of Essex Wire Corp.

C. P. Clare has become chief executive officer of Universal Controls. Inc., New York. Clare is presently executive vice-president and director of Universal and president of C. P. Clare and Co., a subsidiary of the corporation. He has also been active as a director of American Totalizator Co., a division of Universal Controls. Morris Mac Schwebel, who was Universal president, is on a leave of absence pending the outcome of a Federal grand jury indictment on securities fraud charges.

R. S. Bowditch is now chief engineer of the Electronics Div. of Statham Instruments, Inc. in Los Angeles. He comes to Statham from ERA Pacific, where he was general manager and chief engineer.

Samuel L. Sola, who was assistant to the chief of Mechanical Systems Engineering at Nortronics Div. of Northrop Corp., has taken a position with the Aeronutronic Div. of Ford Motor Co. in Newport Beach, Calif. Sola will be manager of automotive design. Among the applications of the division's space age talents being investigated for automobile use are traffic control systems and vehicle instrumentation.

Warren H. Chase, vice-president of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., has been nominated by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers to be 1961-62 president. Balloting will be by mail among the Institute's 55,000 members. Results will be announced at AIEE's Summer General Meeting in Ithaca, N.Y. in June.

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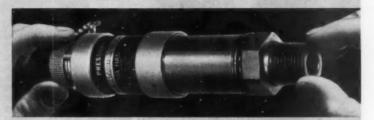
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It is often necessary in industrial process control to maintain some parameter at an extremum (either maximum or minimum) for greatest efficiency or economy. Preference should always be given to programmed control systems or systems using additional pulses. When such methods will not work (for example, maintaining optimum fuel/oxidizer ratio in a complex heating oven when it is not possible to measure the flow of the oxidizer entering the reaction) then controllers with searching devices should be used.

In the system described, the control signal is formed by the difference, including the sign, between the measured value of the controlled condition  $y_i$  and the stored value  $y_{i-1}$  memorized during time interval  $\Delta$ . When searching for a maximum, with the actuator moving in the right direction,  $\Delta > 0$ , while with the actuator moving in the wrong direction,  $\Delta < 0$ .

When the static characteristic of the plant varies with time, a system based on measuring increments is sometimes unable to decide the correct direction to move since displacement in either direction results in a positive increment. A reversing device operating at time intervals  $t_k$  can be used to stabilize such a system; the actuator then oscillates with amplitude  $\Delta x$ , and the departure of the system from the extremum is smaller. Since process lags can cause spurious reversing, it is advisable not to reverse every time  $\Delta < 0$ , but only when the sequence  $\Delta > 0$ ,  $\Delta < 0$  occurs.

The searching device should behave as follows: 1) measure the increment  $\Delta = y_t - y_{t-1}$  and determine its sign. 2) Not reverse the actuator when  $\Delta > 0$ . 3) If  $\Delta$  remains greater than zero for a time longer than  $t_k$  reverse the actuator. 4) Reverse the actuator if  $\Delta > 0$  becomes  $\Delta < 0$ . 5) If there is a series of  $\Delta < 0$ , then after reversing normally the first time the second reversing should take place with a delay of  $t_k$  after  $\Delta$  changes sign.

An electronic controller with these characteristics consists of a sign relay that detects the sign of the input signal; a gate that selects the appro-

priate signal from the series of input signals of the same sign and sends out a signal whenever the increment changes sign; a trigger that provides a compulsory reversal, after a predetermined interval, of a bistable circuit at the output; a differentiating unit that returns the trigger to its original position whenever  $\Delta > 0$  changes to  $\Delta < 0$ ; the bistable output circuit that memorizes the direction of movement during the interval between the two consecutive signals received from the trigger; and an output amplifier that provides sufficient power for operating the actuator.

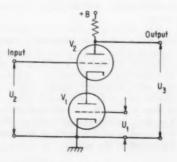
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The methods presently used to change the gain of an amplifying stage are not very effective (small degree of variation of gain). Also, the signal causing the gain variation has to have a magnitude on the order of tens of volts. The basic circuit of a variable gain amplifying stage which operates from a controlling signal on the order

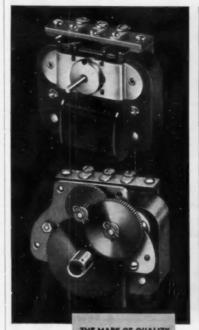
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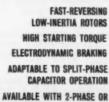
The input voltage  $U_z$  is applied to the grid of V<sub>2</sub>. Variations in the dc biasing voltage U<sub>1</sub> applied to the grid of V, change the equivalent resistance in the cathode circuit of V2. It is this variation in the negative feedback which varies the gain and the output voltage Us. Best results are obtained with a high-µ triode section for V2 and a high gm section for V1. With some tubes it may be necessary to put positive bias on the grid of V, for good linearity.

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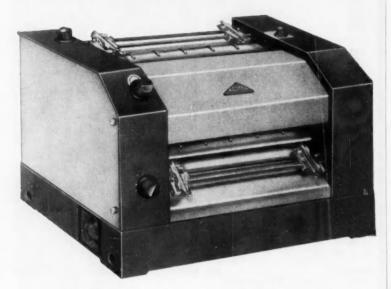
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From "Gas-Tracer Method of Steady and Pulsating-Flow Measurement", by J. F. Kemp, National Mechanical Engineering Institute, Pretoria, South Africa. Paper No. 60-WA-142 presented at the Winter Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, New York, Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 1960.

Common methods of measuring mass flow rate in air streams are inadequate when the stream pulsates severely. One way of getting around this problem is to put a tracer gas into the main flow, allow the two media to mix, and then sample and analyze the mixture to determine the mass concentration of the tracer. Applying the law of mass conservation, the mean gas flow rate G of the main gas stream is given by

$$G = \frac{g(1-c_1)}{(c_1-c_0)}$$

where g = injection mass-flow rate of tracer, co = mass concentration of tracer in main stream before injection,  $c_1 = mass$  concentration of tracer in a representative sample.

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The tracer gas itself should be harmless to the materials in the system, cheap, and nontoxic. It should also lend itself to accurate analysis when present in low concentrations. Carbon dioxide meets all of these require-

An inexpensive infrared analyzer was constructed for determining mass concentrations of CO2 in air ranging from ½ to 3 percent. The accuracy of this analyzer was about 2½ percent, and with suggested improvements it should be possible to increase this to around 1 percent. Steady and pulsating flow measurements indicate that the accuracy of the method is essentially that of the analyzer.

#### Control Theory Text

ADAPTIVE CONTROL SYSTEMS. Edited by Eli Mishkin and Ludwig Braun, Jr., 533 pp., published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York. \$16.50.

The broad area in control theory called adaptive control is covered in this collection of discrete topics contributed by a number of authors. Most books put together this way have been unsatisfactory, in this reviewer's experience, but this is an exception.

About half the book provides background. The first chapter explains the basic concept of adaptive control and points out the nature of the adaptive problem and its growing importance. Highlights of linear theory are presented in Chapters 2-5. Signal flow graphs, the identification process, and sampled-data theory are treated, not exhaustively, but with emphasis on what will be useful in studying the adaptive problem. It is assumed that the reader has a reasonable background in control theory, but these chapters are so well written that they should prove interesting and informative to readers whose background is relatively meager.

Chapters 6-8 summarize nonlinear theory in a similar fashion. Topics include describing functions, models, intentional nonlinearities, and phase plane techniques. Chapters 9-12 treat adaptive control systems themselves. In each chapter specific methods or systems are considered and analyzed and illustrative results given. A great variety of methods and systems are covered, but more discussion in detail would have been an improvement; only 104 pages are used to present the nominal subject of the book. Chapters 13-17 introduce various mathematical techniques of value in adaptive control theory.

This is one of the best of the recent advanced texts in control theory and is well worth reading carefully.

George J. Thaler U. S. Naval Postgraduate School

#### Why Failure?

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RELIABILITY. G. W. A. Dummer and N. Griffin, 269 pp., published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. \$7.50.

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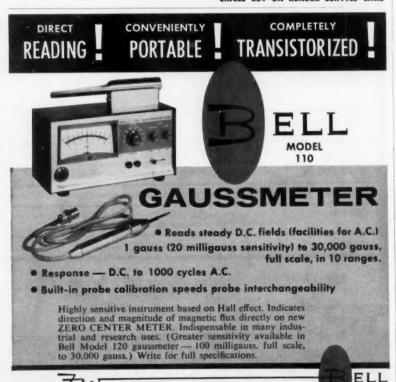
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greatest shortcoming is a nearly complete lack of information on semiconductors. The authors hope to provide more in a second edition, but this does not help the first edition.

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Some of the interesting conclusions reached after examining a large amount of data confirm facts that are commonly accepted but often ignored. For example, the failure rate increases exponentially with equipment complexity as measured by the number of tubes or transistors. Also, few military components fail from wearout; they fail statistically with the chance law.

Discussion of vacuum tubes occupies considerable space in this book. For example, about half the chapter on Faults in Equipment, Valves and Components is about tubes; the remainder is on resistors, capacitors, cables, wires, sleeves, plugs, sockets, relays, switches, transformers, and indicators, but not transistors.

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#### Terminology Explained

DIGEST OF MILITARY ELECTRONICS. 205 pp. Published by the RCA Service Company, Camden, N. J. \$3.95.

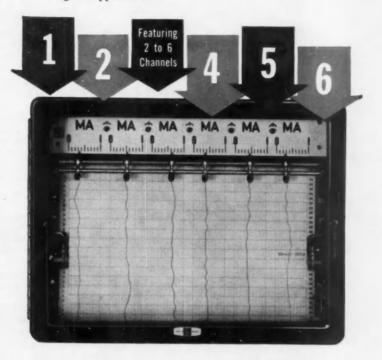
This handy reference lists and defines some 560 names given to military electronic equipment and systems. Arranged alphabetically from "absolute altimeter" to "zone position indicator" with plenty of cross references, the list includes nicknames, acronyms, and contractions (Hermit, COZI, RACON, and the like). Navigation and tracking equipment, missiles, countermeasures, and communications systems are all covered. Of necessity the definitions emphasize what a device does rather than how it works, but performance specifications are often included and there are several system block diagrams.

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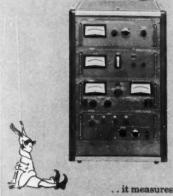
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Instrument Society of America, 13th Annual Symposium-Electronic Process Instrumentation, sponsored by N.J. Section, Hotel Essex House, Newark, N.J. April 4

Third Symposium on Information and Decision Processing, sponsored by IRE and Purdue University, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. April 12-13

Instrument Society of America, Seventh National Symposium on Instrumental Methods of Analysis, Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Tex. April 17-19

Institute of Radio Engineers, 13th Annual Southwest IRE Conference and Electronic Show (SWIRECO), Dallas Memorial Coliseum, Dallas, Tex. April 19-21

Institute of Radio Engineers, Seventh Region Technical Conference and Trade Show, Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Ariz. April 26-28

Instrument Society of America-Seventh National Aero-Space Instrumentation Symposium, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Tex. April 30-May 4

#### MAY

Electronic Components Conference, Sponsored by IRE, AIEE, EIA, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, Calif. May 2-4

Institute of Radio Engineers, Second National Symposium on Human Factors in Electronics, Marriott-Twin Bridges Motor Hotel, Arlington, Va. May 4-5

Institute of Radio Engineers, 13th Annual National Aerospace Electronics Conference (NAECON), Miami and Biltmore Hotels, Dayton, Ohio May 8-10

Instrument Society of America, Fourth National Power Instrumentation Symposium, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill. May 8-10

Western Joint Computer Conference, sponsored by IRE, ACM, AIEE, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. May 9-11

International Exhibition of Measurement, Control Regulation and Automation (MESUCORA), Exhibition Hall, Centre National des Industries et des Techniques, Paris, France May 9-17

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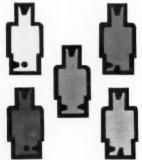
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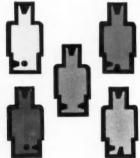
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# JUNE

Instrument Society of America, Instrument-Automation Summer Conference and Exhibit, Royal York Hotel, and Queen Elizabeth Hall, Toronto, Canada June 6-8 Instrument Society of America, Third Biennial International Gas Chromatography Symposium, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University East Lansing, Mich. June 13-16 Institute of Radio Engineers, Fifth National Conference on Product Engineering and Production, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

June 14-15 Association for Computing Machinery, Computer Conference on Business Languages, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, June 15 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Summer General Meeting, Willard Straight Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. June 19-23 Denver Research Institute of University of Denver, Eighth Annual Symposium on Computers and Data Processing, Elkhorn Lodge, Estes Park, Colo. June 22-23 Institute of Radio Engineers, Fifth National Convention on Military (MIL-E-CON 1960), Electronics Shoreham Hotel, Washington,

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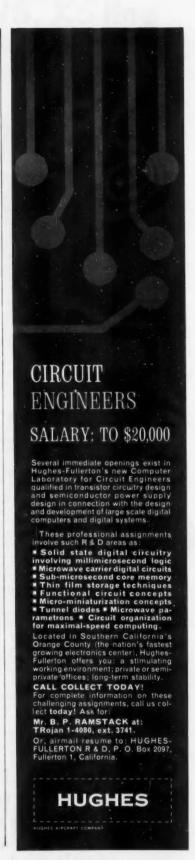
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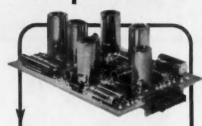
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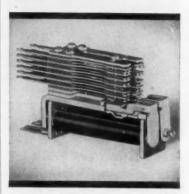
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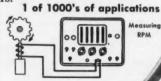
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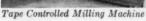
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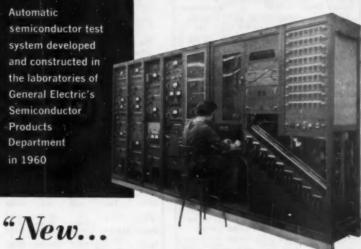
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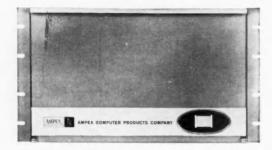


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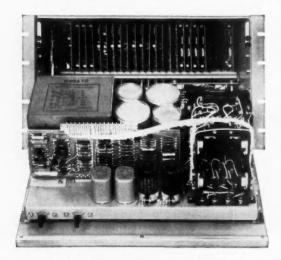
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